



No circus — just missions

Set up a circus tent in the mountains of Southern Honduras, tell people there will be a medical-dental clinic, and there will be more people than rocks. Mississippi Baptists recently treated hundreds on a mission trip to the village of Santo Domingo. The clinic is at left; Newton dentist R. J. Reynolds is at right extracting a tooth. The volunteers even managed to cure some rock throwers. See story on pages 7-8. Tim Nicholas photos.

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Missionaries in Mideast are keeping low profile

By Erich Bridges

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries and representatives in the Middle East and Mediterranean area are maintaining a low profile as terrorist threats against Westerners in the region increase.

The Southern Baptist workers and their families are practicing "a little more caution than is normal," said Isam Ballenger, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's director for Europe and the Middle East. The need for caution applies more to some places than others, he explained.

"The understanding I get is that generally there is not a bad attitude toward Americans by the general populace and the people feel relatively safe," Ballenger reported.

If American and Western European actions against Libya result in substantially increased terrorist activity, the mission official said, "all of us are going to have to be a little more cautious, not just in the immediate future but for some time to come."

Southern Baptist representatives once worked in Libya but left the nation in 1981. In the Sudan, where Americans were evacuated in recent

weeks because of anti-American demonstrations, Southern Baptists have had no missionaries since 1984. Missionaries and representatives elsewhere in the region continue their work with Baptists.

Travel between countries also continues normally, Ballenger said. One missionary who helps coordinate work in several countries reported international travel in the Middle East actually may be getting safer as security measures increase. Those who live day by day in the area also know best the places to be avoided.

Renewed questions about the wisdom of sending missionary families to the Middle East and other "hot spots" have followed the upsurge of terrorist threats and actions against Americans overseas. Foreign Mission Board officials have emphasized that in most cases Southern Baptist missionaries make their own decisions about staying in or leaving particular countries, usually in consultation with local Christians.

"We consider our work to be a ministry of reconciliation," said Ballenger. "We want to express, through our personnel, love for all the

people of the Middle East. We hope and pray the people of those areas will recognize in what spirit they are there and show to them the hospitality that is so characteristic of the Arab people.

"No doubt, the difficulty of this time will offer us some possibilities for ministry that we haven't had before," he said. "It just works that way."

By late April, no Southern Baptist lay volunteers actively preparing for work in various countries had decided to stay home because of the terrorist situation, mission board staffers reported. No volunteer projects had been canceled.

New missionaries in training discuss ways of minimizing the risk of terrorism and other dangers which can arise in work abroad. Concerns are expressed, but no one in recent months has changed his or her mind about overseas service because of potential risk, reported Tim Brendle of the board's missionary learning department.

"Most of them have already made a commitment, and they've made it with their eyes open," Brendle said.

Erich Bridges writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

A MCKINNEY VIGNETTE

"Nail-Scarred Hand"

By William J. Reynolds

In the early 1920s, B. B. McKinney was on the music faculty at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. One day he accepted an invitation to lead the music for a Sunday school conference to be held at Allen, Texas, a town about fifty miles northeast of Fort Worth.

In the first evening session the preacher dealt earnestly with the joy of salvation. At the conclusion he invited those who would trust Jesus to come forward. No one responded.

He further extended the appeal by urging the unbelievers to "place your hand in the nail-scarred hand." The phrase greatly impressed McKinney, and, immediately following the benediction, he wrote it down on an

envelope he had in his pocket.

McKinney had planned to return to Fort Worth after the evening session, but storm clouds had gathered and this trip did not seem wise. One of the families in Allen invited him to spend the night with them.

He had no sooner reached their home than the storm broke in all its fury and continued for several hours. During the storm he wrote both words and music for "The Nail-Scarred Hand."

Next morning he led the opening hymn for the Sunday school conference. Then for those present, he sang for the first time his song written the night before in the midst of the storm.

Joint Committee to sponsor hymn-writing competition



WASHINGTON (BP) — In conjunction with its 20th Religious Liberty Conference, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is sponsoring a national hymn-writing contest.

Hymns entered in the contest should focus on a theme of religious liberty, soul liberty or freedom of religion. The winning hymn will be introduced during the conference, which will have the theme of "Intersecting Values: Christian Citizenship and Church-State Separation."

Contestants may either compose an original hymn tune and lyrics or write new lyrics to an existing hymn tune.

Judges for the contest will be William J. Reynolds, associate professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas; Milton Ryder, pastor of First Church, Boston; and Chief Richard Donn, director of the U.S. Navy Band's chorus.

The contest winner will be provided with registration, lodging and meals while attending the Religious Liberty Conference, to be held Oct. 6-8 in Washington.

Entries must be mailed by July 1 and should be sent to Jeanette Holt, Baptist Joint Committee, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, DC 20002.



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Editorials..... by don mcgregor

The associations witnessing

Perhaps the unsung hero of Southern Baptist denominational life is the organized association. It is the unit of denominational structure closest to the local church and thus is the first line of offense in our worldwide missions efforts.

May 19 to 25 is Associational Emphasis Week in the Southern Baptist Convention. The theme "The Association — Churches Caring for their Neighbors."

In Mississippi there are 75 associations. These are 75 organizational units carrying the cause of Christ outside the walls of the church. These are 75 examples of the churches cooperating at the local level to make the gospel available to those in their own areas who have not responded to the ministries of the churches. And through the associations the churches cooperate to carry the gospel throughout the United States and even around the world.

A group from Bolivar Association is in Argentina right now helping to spread the gospel in that nation.

And marvelous training opportunities are available to church workers through the auspices of the associational organizations and facilities.

There are many people all around us who are not going to respond to the gospel as it is presented through the efforts of the churches. In spite of whatever protestations we might make, we are not going to appear to be inviting to those who do not imagine themselves to be on a plane with the membership of the churches. The homogeneous nature of the church membership is a real influence in spite of what we might want. So we

must make arrangements to make the gospel available to those who will not frequent our churches on Sunday morning. The association is the best vehicle for finding ways of getting this done. It is the denomination at work on the local scene.

This fact has been mentioned in these columns before, but the association has a great deal of interest to me because of the fact that my father, who died in September, spent the last

22 years of his ministry before retirement as a director of associational missions. His work was with the Hope Association in Arkansas, now called the Southwest Arkansas Association. The seat of associational work in the area is Texarkana, Ark.

The associations are missions in action right in our own neighborhoods. They must have our support if they are to get the job accomplished that has been set before them.

On the way to success

The American Christian Television System (ACTS) on May 1 held its first annual awards ceremony. A Mississippi affiliate, one of 200 or more nominees, received one of the awards. The Jackson affiliate, ACTS of Jackson, MS, Inc., won the award as cable affiliate of the year. Joe H. Tuten, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, is chairman of the board of the Jackson affiliate.

ACTS is almost two years old. It was launched on June 12, 1984. It is a subsidiary of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Several other Mississippi ACTS entities were nominated for awards. Also nominated for the Cable Affiliate of the Year award was the Delta ACTS Board of Cleveland. Bob Nance is chairman. Nominated for the Best Human Interest Program award was ACTS of Jackson for the High School Game of the Week. Nominated for the Best Musical Program award was ACTS of Jackson for "The Revelation with Scott Wesley Brown." This show was produced by First Church. Delta ACTS Board also was nominated to receive an award for community ser-

vice through cable.

It was an impressive ceremony held in the auditorium at Southwestern Seminary. I had gone there to meet with five other editors and W. C. Fields of Baptist Press in a session the next day with Jimmy Allen, president of the ACTS network and of the Radio and Television Commission. I arrived early enough to see the awards ceremony and enjoyed it very much. It was designed in much the same way as an Oscar awards ceremony for motion picture awards and had first-class entertainment. The orchestra of Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, gave musical support to the ceremony; and The Company, a group from Southwestern Seminary, provided entertainment.

David Soul, a movie and television performer, was the master of ceremonies.

There is no question but that ACTS has gone through some tough times. To carry programming all across the United States is an expensive operation. But it is being done, and it can be and is a powerful evangelistic opportunity. We have no choice but to get

Guest opinion...

A theme interpretation

By Holmes H. Carlisle

"The Association: Churches Caring for Their Neighbors" is the theme for Associational Emphasis Week, May 19-25. This theme has practical meaning. It means that each church should maintain a caring relationship with other churches.

There are some barriers to such a relationship. One barrier is church autonomy. It is a vital Baptist concept that each church governs itself. The development of any denominational body in Baptist life has proceeded only as local church autonomy remains intact. The tragedy is that church autonomy often degenerates to church exclusiveness and isolation.

Another barrier is the difference among churches. Chapter seven of But Our Situation Is Different by Robert Wiley is entitled "Different Kinds of Churches." He identifies

three categories of differences: location, special focus, and size. Under each category he lists several headings. The problem is that one kind of church can come to feel that it has nothing in common with a church of a different kind. What does a small rural church of less than 50 members share with a huge metropolitan regional church? How can they "care" for each other?

Another barrier is lack of acquaintance. Caring, real caring, is not done effectively in general but in particular. The better we know each other the more easily we set up a network of caring activities. Conversely, the less acquainted we are the less likely we are to even have feeling one for the other, much less engage in relevant caring action.

The Baptist Association offers a

vehicle by which each of these barriers can be crossed. Each church can relate to each other without compromising autonomy. By associating we can discover that our common faith and mission over reaches differences among us in such areas as size and location. The association is near enough to every church to make it possible to become acquainted enough to care for each other.

Churches caring for each other can provide encouragement and strength when it is needed. Churches have personalities and resemble individuals in that they have the capacity to have a caring, mutually-supportive relationship. The pastors' conferences, the annual meetings, the training events, the mission support projects, and other such activities are all potential contributors to this caring, nurturing

fellowship. Churches and church leaders which are located in the isolation of frontier, pioneer situations know the value of Christian fellowship because these outposts are lonely places to serve. We who have the opportunity for more frequent fellowship sometimes take it for granted. Not only do we, by so doing, rob ourselves of the fellowship but we also keep ourselves from reservoir of strength, challenge, and encouragement that we need along the way.

This is a rich theme for Associational Emphasis Week this year. Let it become a challenge to us to be receptive to the wealth it can bring to our Christian journey together. The simple fact is that we need each other.

Washington (BP) — A small reduction in non-profit postal rates took effect April 20. The reduction came as a result of a redistribution of federal subsidy money.

In early April, President Reagan signed a deficit reduction bill containing a provision that ended postal subsidy for limited-circulation, for-profit newspapers.

Since the legislation did not reduce the overall amount of federal postal subsidy available, the U.S. Postal Service board of governors voted to redistribute the limited-circulation subsidy money to the rate structure's non-profit category, which includes Baptist state newspapers and some church newsletters. This decrease does not offset earlier increases this year of 30 to 80 percent.

A Postal Service spokesman said the reduction should result in a non-profit rate decrease of about 1 to 4 percent.

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Federal judge rules for SBC in lawsuit

By Dan Martin

ATLANTA (BP) — Saying the First Amendment of the United States Constitution prevents the intrusion of secular courts into the internal church matters, U.S. District Judge Robert Hall on May 5 decided a federal lawsuit in favor of the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee.

The suit was filed Dec. 5 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia by Robert S. Crowder and his wife, Julia, of Birmingham, Ala., and Henry C. Cooper of Windsor, Mo., who asked the federal court to interpret SBC Bylaws, to enjoin the convention into compliance with the court's interpretation and to vacate the 1986 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

In issuing his ruling, Hall wrote: "Defendants contend that this court

lacks jurisdiction over this action because it involves the resolution of an ecclesiastical controversy in violation of the First Amendment's requirement of separation of church and state. This court agrees with defendants.

"It has long been a fundamental proposition of constitutional law that civil tribunals have no power to resolve disputes which are ecclesiastical in nature."

A parallel state suit in Georgia has not yet received a ruling.

In his decision, Hall noted the Crowders and Cooper were "three of some 45,000 Baptist messengers who convened in Dallas..." June 11-13, 1985 for the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and traces the sources of the dispute which resulted in the filing of the federal lawsuit.

"Plaintiffs contend that certain bylaws were misinterpreted and that certain parliamentary errors occurred during the process of electing the 1985 Nominating Committee (Committee on Boards)," Hall wrote.

In his decision, Hall writes: "Plaintiffs characterize the dispute as a breach of contract, the contract being the SBC bylaws which defendants allegedly breached through an incorrect interpretation of Robert's Rules of Order..." The court views this characterization as an oversimplification of the dispute.

Hall continues: "What is actually at issue in this case is a question of church governance. Whether Reverend Dr. Stanley's rulings were correct or patently incorrect is irrelevant because a decision as to validity of his rulings would involve this

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Pat and Ruth Gullledge and their daughter-in-law, Janet, tour the Tandy Archeological Museum on the campus of Southwestern Seminary.

Couple ensures future of gerontology studies

By Mark Wingfield

FORT WORTH, Texas — A Grenada, Miss., couple will provide major funding for expanded studies in aging at Southwestern Seminary here.

Many of today's older adults grew up on farms like the one Pat and Ruth Gullledge have given to finance the Kirk-Gullledge Christian Gerontology Endowment Fund. Because of this gift, the seminary will be able to train ministers to aging people in the future.

"We had only seen it (the farm) as how much cotton it would grow," Gullledge explained. "I had no idea what it was worth."

But one day last August, Gullledge felt convicted to use whatever resources he had to help train ministers to the aging. So he called Southwestern.

Unknown to Gullledge, a group of Southwestern's professors had just that month begun discussing ways to meet the changing needs of older adults.

Now the two have come together to create the endowment fund. Gullledge hopes Southwestern will discover, evaluate and disseminate information to help Southern Baptists "learn how to live more abundantly in older adulthood."

Gullledge and his wife came to Southwestern in 1946 "without a dime in our pocket." While in Fort Worth, their son, Kirk was born.

After graduation in 1949, they served several churches in Virginia, Florida, and Georgia. But when Mrs. Gullledge's father died, they moved back to Grenada to help with the family farm. Gullledge continued to serve as a volunteer or part-time with Baylor University and North Texas State University.

Students may choose to pick up electives in gerontology or may earn the master of science in gerontology degree.

As a result of the Gullledge's recent gift, President Russell Dilday has appointed an interdisciplinary task force to study ministries to the aging and what Southwestern's role should be.

Gullledge realizes the need is urgent. "I'm not willing to die and let someone else handle this," he said. "We hope Southwestern will become the headquarters for information and training in gerontology so that awareness will filter down to the smallest church."

Mark Wingfield writes for Southwestern Seminary.

Oklahoma tabs Bill Tanner

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP) — William G. Tanner, president of the Home Mission Board since 1977 and former president of Oklahoma Baptist University, was elected executive director-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma during a special called meeting of the board of directors May 5.

Tanner, 56, succeeds Joe L. Ingram who has been BGCO executive 15 years but is stepping aside June 30 to

direct the Baptist Health Care Corporation.

Tanner is expected to begin duties in Oklahoma July 1. His election must be ratified by messengers at the state convention Nov. 10-12 in Bethany.

Tanner answered the lingering question of his "stepping down" from a national agency to lead a state convention before it was raised publicly. "There is no stepping down in the Lord's work. I am stepping forward."

He was pastor of churches in Wheelock, Cleburne, and Houston, Texas, 1948-62; First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Miss., 1962-67; president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College (now University of Mary Hardin-Baylor) 1967-71; and Oklahoma Baptist University president, 1971-76.

He is married to the former Ellen Sampey Yates and they have four children: Bill Jr., Keith, Mark, and Kimberly Anne.

Redeem-A-Child: "The church has a significant role"

By Tim Nicholas

In 1985, messengers to the Mississippi Baptist Convention voted their approval of a program of the Mississippi Christian Action Commission called Redeem-a-Child.

The program, according to CAC director Paul Jones, is a holistic approach to the multi-faceted issues concerning children and youth of today.

"We were pontificating nice little platitudes, but offering nothing to allow people to get involved," says Jones.

Since Jones became CAC head in 1982, he would hear from people concerning various issues affecting children, both the unborn and the already born. The question was whether to offer segmented workshops or tie it all together. So Jones met with Commission



members and groups of interested pastors to discuss direction of a unified approach to a ministry that could offer helps to individuals, churches, associations, and the convention as a whole.

The CAC is moving in the direction of offering help to these groups in the areas of abortion, incest, child sexual abuse, teen pregnancy, sexually-transmitted diseases, sexual misinformation, youth marriage, suicide, and the runaway or abducted child. Jones adds teenage drug and alcohol abuse, but notes "we see we've got a major problem with pre-teens ages 9 to 12."

"Sex education must begin in the home where the parents transmit their values," says Jones. He recently held a sex awareness conference for youths in a Baptist church. Said one parent following the meeting. "For the

first time my kid forced me to talk about this."

"The church has a significant role in providing the biblical basis (for family life) as well as the community adult structure," says Jones, who hopes to help churches find relevant materials "which are sound and do not compromise who we are as Southern Baptists." The CAC lacks the ability to produce materials, but is gathering relevant works for church groups.

Some materials are easier to find than others, he says. He has purchased a set of videotapes on prevention of molestation and abduction. The only cost to a church group is the mailing of the tapes and \$1 per person for guide booklets.

There is a list of suggestions on what a local church can do about child

abuse and neglect, and a coloring book on feelings and "inappropriate touching," and other sexual abuse educational materials for the kids.

Jones says that materials on sex awareness are difficult to gather. "We're looking for materials that affirm the biblical view of sex within a marriage with loving spouses, which at the same time acknowledge the scope of sexual involvement of children and youth," he says.

Another area of concern is that of abortion. The Mississippi Baptist Convention has passed a resolution opposing abortions except to save the life of the mother. "It's difficult to find materials that affirm both the sanctity of human life and the value of a person who may have made a bad choice," says Jones.

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Foreign Mission official optimistic about quotas

By Eric Miller

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Nigerian Baptists are asking the government to revise visa quotas that would require missionaries eventually to leave the country.

The military government has said it imposed the quotas to nationalize jobs to help the nation's sagging economy, said John Mills, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board director for western Africa.

As the quotas stand now, some missionaries would have to start leaving in the summer of 1987. Twelve missionaries working with the Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary in

Ogbomoso will be affected most immediately.

In early 1988, visas would expire for about 20 more missionaries. This would include nurses, field evangelists, and those working with the pastors' schools in Kaduna and Owerri and with Theological Education by Extension.

None of these visas may be renewed and no new visas will be approved for missionaries in these jobs unless further policy changes occur, Mills said.

Although it is a military government, Mills said, Nigerians have op-

portunity to share their opinions about government decisions. "The government is still sensitive," he said. "I think the government is trying to listen to the people."

Two-year renewable visas will be available for missionary doctors, administrators, student workers and those involved in non-theological education. There are 119 Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to Nigeria, where missions work began in 1850.

Eric Miller writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

Claude Lazenby, minister, dies

Claude McGee Lazenby died on April 30, at Harris Hospital in Fort Worth, Tex. He was 74.

Funeral services were held on May 2, at the Parkridge Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

Lazenby was born and reared in Courtland, Miss. He was employed with Graves Brothers Lumber Company in Batesville, for over 20 years before entering the ministry. He formerly served as pastor of Pharsalia Baptist Church and Easley Memorial Church, both in Panola County; and Camp Ground Church, Water Valley, before going to Ebenezer Church, Senatobia, where he served as pastor 19 years before retirement in November, 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Winnie Henson Lazenby; a daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Jan Westmoreland; and granddaughters, Melissa and Katherine Westmoreland. Mrs. Lazenby now resides at 20 Assisi Court, Crowley, Texas 76036.



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Then, a young lady suggested to my daughter that I come into treatment. My daughter had everyone at the church praying for me, and she

brought me to the Chemical Dependency Center.

These seven years have been years of peace and feeling okay about myself. I have a good relationship with my children and grandchildren.

Questions addressed to Intensive Care are forwarded to the Chemical Dependency Center of Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. They are fielded by experts in the field of drug abuse. Inquiries should be addressed to Intensive Care, Baptist Record, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Broadmoor reception will honor Hurt

James Hurt and his wife, Delle, will be honored with a reception following the evening worship service on May



18. The occasion will be his retirement as associate pastor of Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Hurt's ministry spans almost four decades, during which time he has served primarily two churches, both in Mississippi,

Highland, Laurel (1950-57) and Immanuel, Cleveland (1957-83).

Hurt has served as chairman of the Executive Committee, the Missions Committee, and the Committee on Committees, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and was first vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1983. He has been national alumni president for Mississippi College and state alumni president for Southern Seminary. All four of the sons are graduates of Mississippi College. Mississippi College awarded its "Service to Human-

ity Award" to him in 1976. He has served as trustee for Blue Mountain College and Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

Hurt has participated in both home and foreign mission crusades and has toured mission fields in 13 countries, including the Holy Land.

Special recognition will be given him in the evening service at 7 at Broadmoor on May 18. The reception honoring him and his wife will be held in Fellowship Hall. Interested friends are invited. Jim Futral is pastor at Broadmoor.

Federal judge rules for SBC

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court in the internal affairs of the Southern Baptist Convention, a position the court cannot assume.

"The fact that a civil court must not become involved in disputes of this type has been made abundantly clear by the Supreme Court."

Hall cited the U.S. Supreme Court 1871 ruling in *Watson v. Jones*:

"The right to organize voluntary religious associations to assist in the expression and dissemination of any

religious doctrine, and to create tribunals for the decisions of controverted questions of faith within the association, and for the ecclesiastical government of all the individual members, congregations and officers within the general association is unquestioned.

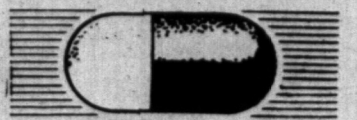
"All that unite themselves to such a body do so with an implied consent to this government and are bound to submit to it."

That ruling adds, Hall wrote:

"... (T)he judicial eye cannot penetrate the veil of the church for the forbidden purpose of vindicating the alleged wrongs of excised members; when they became members they did so upon the condition of continuing or not as they and their churches might determine and they thereby submit to the ecclesiastical power and cannot now invoke the supervisory powers of the civil tribunals."

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

capsules



Researchers will explore methodology

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Research Fellowship will explore research methodology during its annual meeting June 7 in Atlanta.

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the downtown Atlanta Hilton Hotel. It coincides with the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, to be held June 10-12, also in Atlanta.

The general purpose of the researchers' meeting will be to expose Southern Baptist producers and utilizers of research to the work of other researchers in the convention, said O. D. Morris, president of the organization and director of the research division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

Peru investigates Children of God

LIMA, Peru (EP) — Prompted by a kidnapping report, Peruvian authorities have thoroughly investigated the Children of God (COG) sect, turning up a variety of evidence indicating immoral practices in the religious group.

The police confiscated literature, pornographic video cassettes, and other materials that may support allegations that the Children of God uses prostitution to recruit members.

40,000 die each day

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (EP) — David M. Howard, general director of the World Evangelical Fellowship, opened his speech at the National Association of Evangelicals annual convention with 15 seconds of silence. "During the last 15 seconds," he said, "seven people died of hunger. Before I can finish my next sentence, 28 people will have died from hunger; within the next hour, 1,680 people will die from hunger; and by this time tomorrow, 40,320 will have died from hunger."

Howard said visits to refugee camps had impressed upon him "the hopelessness of the situation. It is far more than we can handle." Howard compared the sense of helplessness in the face of world hunger to the feelings Christ's disciples must have felt when they needed to feed the 5,000. If Christians are moved by the compassion Jesus showed that huge crowd, they will provide spiritual and physical healing, he said.

"It would be so much easier to forget... but it doesn't stop the suffering. The only hope is to accept the facts. People are dying. Now what do we do?" pressed Howard.

GA/Acteen camp dates given; 3 weeks filled

This summer there will be ten weeks of camp for girls at Camp Garaywa. Acteens will have a choice of a mini-camp June 23-25 or a Monday through Friday camp Aug. 4-8. The other weeks are for GAs who have completed third grade and older. The GA camp weeks of June 9-13, June 16-20, and July 7-11 are no longer available as the capacity has been reached for these dates.

There will be a camping overnight for all age GAs (grades one-six) and their grandmothers on June 27 and 28. More information and registration forms are in alongside, a WMU publication.

Golf-tennis clinic planned

A Golf-Tennis-Fitness Clinic at Lake Tiak O'Khata near Louisville, offers church staffers a chance to learn a lifetime sport and how to take care of "the temple of God."

The event takes place May 23-24 with John Bewley, David Rogers, David Cundiff, and Mose Dangerfield on program.

Bewley, of Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will be tennis instructor; Rogers, of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, will be golf instructor; Cundiff, of the University of Southern Mississippi, will be fitness instructor; and Dangerfield, of the Mississippi Church Training Department, will be devotional leader.

For further information, contact the Church Training Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, phone 968-3800.

Redeem-A-Child

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Jones says the CAC will also stock resources which it will resell to church libraries. And "hopefully, next year we'll be training special consultants available to address one or more of these issues."

The CAC is compiling some legal guidelines for churches on what they can do on these issues. And the organization is looking at challenging churches or associations to begin ongoing ministries such as a child abuse hotline, or offering space for establishment of a problem pregnancy counseling center. "Are there people in one community willing to provide a halfway house for pregnant girls?" Jones asks. Continuing the thought, he asks "Is this now the time to establish a convention-sponsored home for unwed mothers?"

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Former SBC editorial secretary Clifton J. Allen, dies at 84

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (BP) — Clifton J. Allen, 84, retired editorial secretary for the Sunday School Board, in Nashville, and a former recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, died here, May 5 of cancer.

A native of South Carolina, Allen began work with the board in 1937 as associate editorial secretary and was elected editorial secretary in 1945. He was responsible for general editorial supervision of all books, tracts and periodicals until his retirement in December 1968.

He was recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1966 to 1977.

For more than 25 years, beginning in 1945, Allen broadcast the Interna-

tional Sunday School Lesson for Nashville's WSM radio, and in later years taught a version of the lessons for distribution by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission to more than 100 radio stations.

Allen was a member of the committee on the uniform series, International Sunday School Lessons, from 1942 until his retirement. He was secretary of the commission in Christian teaching and training for the Baptist World Alliance from 1957 to 1965, and, at the time of his retirement, was chairman of that commission.

Allen was the author of 22 volumes of Points of Emphasis, a commentary on the International Sunday School Lesson, and, following his retirement, was general editor of the Broadman Bible Commentary.

Allen was a graduate of Furman University in Greenville, S.C., and earned the Th.M. and Ph.D. degrees from Southern Seminary.

In his earlier years, Allen was pastor of First Baptist Church in Fairmont, N.C., and Western Avenue Baptist Church in Statesville, N.C.

Allen was married to the former Hattie Bell McCracken from 1930 until her death in 1981. They had three children, Rosalind Barker, Robert and Judson, the latter of whom died in 1985.

In 1982, he married Rosalind Street, widow of James Street, for many years pastor of First Baptist Church of Conway, Ark.

In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by seven grandchildren and a brother.



Mississippi's Raddin elected to office

Roy D. Raddin, center, director of missions, Washington Association, Greenville, was elected recording secretary of the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary during the agency's annual meeting in May. Kenneth L. Castleberry, left, pastor, Dalewood Church, Nashville, Tenn., was elected chairman, and Marshall Gupton, right, pastor, Una Church, Nashville, was elected vice chairman. ABTS commission members serve as Southern Baptists' trustees for American Baptist College of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, a black Bible college co-sponsored with the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (Photo by Lonnie Wilkey)

MC will award doctorates to L. Myers and G. Butler

James Altus Newell, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and a native



Mississippian, will be speaker at Mississippi College commencement exercises, 2 p.m., May 17, in A. E. Wood Coliseum on campus.

Newell, born and raised in Meridian, was graduated with "high honors" in 1966 from Mississippi College. He will speak to a class of 468 graduates. Of this number, 322 will receive undergraduate degrees, 56 the master's degree, one the education specialist degree, and 89 the doctor of jurisprudence degree from the School

of Law. Degrees will be conferred by Lewis Nobles, president of the college.

In addition honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed on two alumni. George B. Butler, scientist and educator, University of Florida, will receive the doctor of science degree, while Lewis I. Myers, Jr., director of the Cooperative Services International Office of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC, will receive the doctor of divinity degree. Butler was graduated from Mississippi College in 1938, while Myers is a 1954 alumnus.

Newell was appointed president of Ruschlikon Seminary by the Foreign Mission Board in 1984. The school is the only Baptist international seminary in Europe, with students from 20 countries and six continents. The seminary provides university-level and post-graduate programs of



Butler

Myers

study and has had more than 1,000 graduates serving in 53 countries.

Butler, a Liberty native, joined the University of Florida faculty in 1946 and retired just this past year. A research scientist, he founded the Center of Macromolecular Science and Engineering and serves as its director. Myers, reared in Skene, was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960 to work in publications ministry and evangelism in Saigon, Vietnam. His current position heads Southern Baptists in responding to professional and social service opportunities in China.

Philip Newberry, missionaries' child, undergoes amputation of hands, feet

By Eric Miller

DALLAS (BP) — Philip Newberry, a Southern Baptist missionary child stricken with meningitis, underwent surgery April 29 to amputate his hands and feet.

Meningitis had caused poor circulation in his extremities, resulting in gangrene. This required amputation of the left arm almost to the elbow, the right hand at the wrist, and both legs halfway to the knee.

Philip is the 23-month-old son of missionaries Randy and Jan Newberry of Gordon, Texas. The child became ill when the Newberrys were attending a furloughing missionary conference near Richmond, Va., in late March. He was transferred to Children's Medical Center in Dallas a week before the surgery.

He appears alert, Newberry said, adding the child likes for his mother

to read to him. "He likes Mickey Mouse stories and Sesame Street. He likes Big Bird." His only word in recent weeks has been "Momma," which he says in her absence.

The hardest part of the illness, Newberry said, has been "just not knowing what God's plan is for Philip's life, how he will bring more glory to God by not having hands and feet.

"I know God's in control and I know he has a plan for our lives and for Philip's life," Newberry said. "Sometimes we see through that glass much darker than at other times, and right now, it's still pretty dark. The Lord gives you the strength you need for every day — not for tomorrow, just for today.

"If there was any way we could thank everyone for their prayers — I

don't know how, but we do. I know God has answered those prayers. We still have Philip."

Philip is expected to remain in the Dallas medical center three or four more weeks and will be able to go home, Newberry said. After some recovery at home, he will begin rehabilitation in a Dallas hospital. He will undergo some skin grafting in a few days.

The Newberrys were appointed missionaries to Brazil in 1982. They have two other children, Amy, 15; and Josef, 13. Philip's second birthday will be June 2.

Eric Miller writes for the Foreign Mission Board.

The universe would not be rich enough to buy the vote of an honest man — St. Gregory

Devotional

Jesus involved himself with people

By Marcus Finch



Finch

"He came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them." Mark 1:31

As one reads the Gospel of Mark, he immediately becomes aware of how involved Jesus was with people. Everywhere He went Jesus touched the lives of people. People of every rank, file, and circumstance of life. In Mark 1:31 the account is given of the time when Peter's mother-in-law was ill. Jesus "took her by the hand and lifted her up." Instantly she was made well. Well, of course, Jesus cared for Peter's mother-in-law. Peter was one of the leading disciples. Jesus' love and caring seemed quite natural.

But later in Mark 1:40-42 Jesus became involved with another type person. A leper came to Jesus saying, "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." This touched the very heart of Jesus. Jesus reached for his hand, touched him and healed him. The leper was an outcast, separated from his family, community and everything precious to him. He was exiled to a colony bound together only by the dreaded disease of leprosy. Jesus did not drive away the leper. Instead he met the leper with loving, understanding compassion.

There is such a need in our lives for genuine love and compassion for those around us — not those who are easy to love but for all. Jesus became involved in the lives of those around him and made their lives better. As his followers, we can do no less.

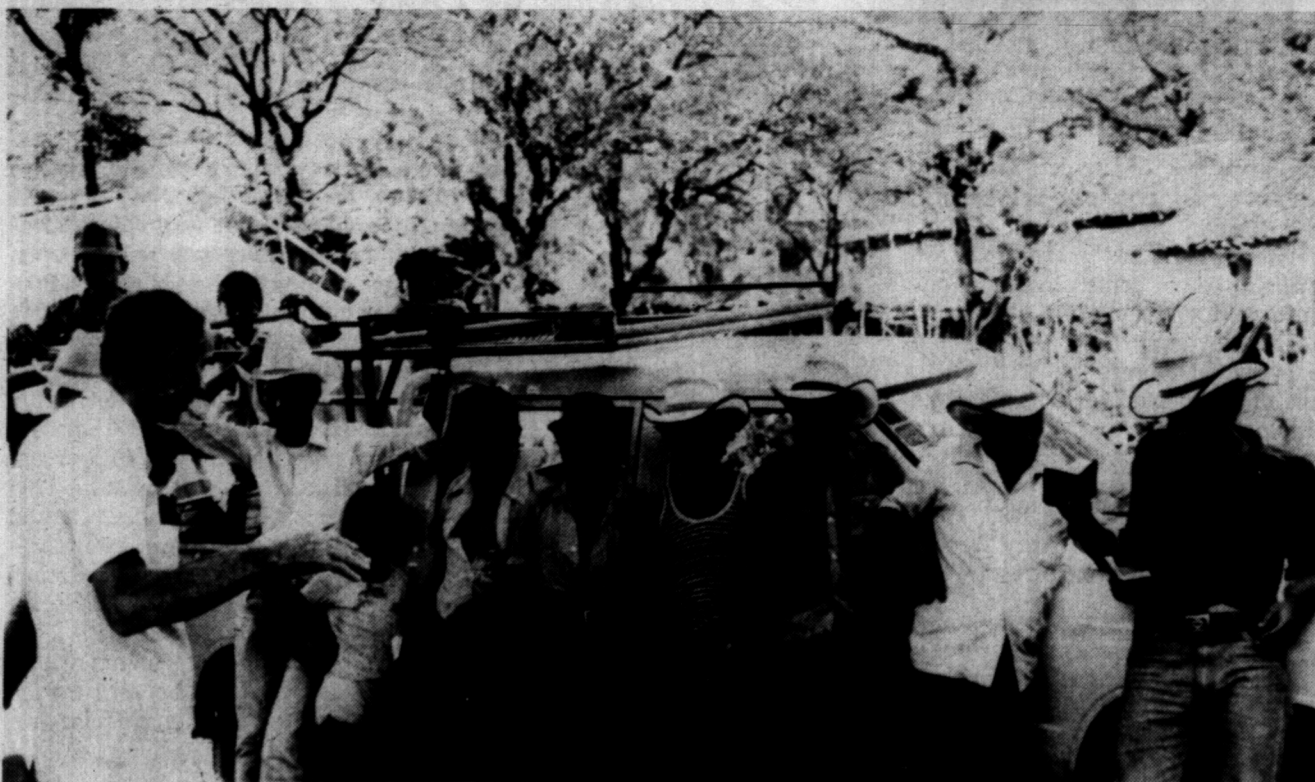
Marcus Finch is pastor, Oakland Heights, Meridian.



Above, the rough terrain adds to the rough life of mountain villagers in Southern Honduras. The medical tent is in foreground.



Above, Isabel Bustillo, a patient, pharmacist Ed Williams, and catfish farmer Bill Dollahite examine a prescription before it is given to the patient. Below, Missionary Ralph Wilson preaches to a group of young men who appear to pay attention.



The long, long house call

By Tim Nicholas

More than an hour's drive over gravel road from the nearest electricity or running water, lives a woman whose broken wrist remained untreated for 15 painful days.

She was found by two participants on a Baptist medical-mission trip to southern Honduras in March. James Smith, pastor of Hollandale Baptist Church, and I found ourselves free for a few minutes while the rest of the crew continued treating hundreds of patients. We took a jaunt up the mountain to photograph from the top the circus tent in which the mission operated.

Missionary Ralph Wilson suggested we take a local resident of Santo Domingo, the community of some 400 families where we were working. We didn't learn till later that our guide was a Baptist leader in the area.

Temperature by the circus tent was about 105 degrees; temperature inside my shoes felt

double that as we trudged up the rocky incline that the villagers use for a path.

The villager, Iginio Rivas, took us up to the local school and to the spring that is the source of life in the otherwise arid area. And he took us to his home to try to sell us hammocks that he and other villagers make from sisal (a rope woven from a dried plant) to augment their meager or nonexistent incomes.

As James and I swung in the hammocks over the man's dirt floor, in his one room home, he introduced us to his esposa — his wife — who held her wrist like an old burden. Neither of us gringos spoke more than a dozen words of Spanish, but we got the idea that the woman had fallen 15 days earlier, hurt her wrist (even our unpracticed eyes could tell it was broken) and she didn't have the strength to stumble down the path that would take her to the clinic and to relief.

After regretfully turning down a cool drink of water at his home, James and I joined Rivas as we slipped and slid down the rocky path to the tent. Ralph Wilson, who is a church planter for southern Honduras and who is leading in the planting of a church in this sprig in the wilderness, spoke with Rivas in Spanish, confirming our non-professional diagnosis.

So, when the clinic closed down at six that afternoon, a group of us accompanied Sidney Prosser, the Hollandale physician who was on his third medical mission trip, back up the mountain.

There on a mountaintop dirt yard with a young woman nursing her infant among the neighbors and family members gathered around, with a burro braying, and fighting dogs yipping within kicking distance, Sidney Prosser set the broken wrist of Mrs. Rivas. She endured the pain silently as her husband held her. Prosser's

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Above, Physician Sidney Prosser wraps a woman's broken wrist, her husband's hand on her shoulders. Her wrist had been broken 15 days before the clinic came to her house. Below, Hollandale Pastor James Smith thrills the children with a balloon animal.





A young mama exhibits her daughter who is getting treatment — probably for parasites which infest most of the villagers keeping them from good health. Wearing glasses is Farm Mechanic Jimmy Priddy who took vital statistics from the patients.

Baptists take rocks, return good health

By Tim Nicholas

It's not a pretty story. A group of Mississippi volunteers link up with Honduran Baptists to provide a medical and dental clinic treating residents of a remote village. These people suffer from varying degrees of malnutrition and intestinal parasites to some of the more exotic problems such as myasthenia gravis and hydrocephalus.

When the medical team knows what it's doing and has good interpretation — most Mississippians' Spanish is not so good — it can treat a large number of people in a few days. The Hollandale group visited two sites in March, first at La Laguna and then at Santo Domingo where I joined them. At the two places, a total of 702 people were treated for medical problems with about 2,000 prescriptions dispensed. And 606 teeth were pulled in the four days of the clinics.

But another figure has to be added — 11 professions of faith by adults were recorded along with a number of rededications and high interest in the gospel by the children.

Evidence of the effectiveness of the gospel message was shown at the remote mountain village of Santo Domingo where there had been a

Vacation Bible School a few weeks before the medical-dental clinic came. Some adults had thrown rocks at the volunteers during the VBS, according to church-planting Missionary Ralph Wilson and Choluteca pastor Francisco Flores, whose church is sponsoring the work.

During the clinic, the film "Jesus" in Spanish was shown as was another film, but one in not as good condition as the first. Both evangelistic in nature, the films were followed by a message by one of the missionaries and a guitar-accompanied song by Bill Dollahite of Murphy, Miss.

The second night, I was helping Missionary Viola Palmer get the film started. It was pitch black. The generator fifty yards away and the mumbling of the 200 or so people gathered to watch the jury-rigged bed-sheet screen was increasing as we fumbled to make the projector work. The film, we discovered, had been rewound upside down and backwards. We had to calculate how to get it rewound properly and quickly enough not to lose the crowd. Two times back through the projector, a short prayer, and the film — which had broken in several places — was on and working.



Above. Someone yelled, look out back! These two men were carrying their load down the steep mountain path, people scrambling out of their way. The bundle was a woman who had just had a miscarriage. They were bringing her in for treatment.

Doctor Prosser and his crew dropped everything else to take care of her. That afternoon, she managed a weak smile and walked out of the clinic.

Tim Nicholas photos



Missionary Viola Palmer preaches to a film-going crowd in the dark.

The two days of ministry and evangelism did bring changes. One of the stone throwers made a profession of faith and two of the others were patients at the clinic.

The volunteers work together like a baseball team in a winning season. Honduras seminary student Nelson Argueta does the preliminary check-in of patients, signing them up for treatment of either medical or dental problems. Francisco Flores and his wife admit the patients to the circus tent. And farm mechanic Jimmy Priddy of the Hollandale area takes blood pressure and weight of all patients. They are ushered on to volunteer Joyce Warren, who lives in Tegucigalpa and whose husband works with the American AID, helping farmers with agricultural projects. The Oklahoma Baptist says she likes working with organizations like the Baptists "because I feel like they will follow up and water the seed that we plant." Mrs. Warren, who speaks fluent Spanish, writes down the patient's complaint. The patient is then passed on to Sidney Prosser, missionary Viola Palmer, and Hollandale Postmaster Charles Holmes. Seminary student Isaura Jimenez also helps out the physician, Prosser. At this station an examination is made and a prescription is given.

The "drug store" is headed by pharmacist Ed Williams of Jackson — and assisted by farmer and cotton warehouseman Mike Harris of Yazoo City, Bill Dollahite of Murphy, and seminary student Isabel Bustillo.

It is the closest a doctor and pharmacist ever work — about 20 feet apart — and prescriptions lean toward vitamin supplements and toward ridding the patients of the numerous parasites that live in the untreated water and the bacteria-teeming soil.

The dental team consists of dentist R. J. Reynolds of Newton, a veteran of Honduras mission trips, assisted by Jimmy Mosley, service station owner from Hollandale, and seminary student Ariel Valladores. Reynolds and Mosley stand on their feet the entire day, with no complaints.

In fact, none of the bone-weary crew complains, including the cooks and bottle washers, expedition organizer James Smith, pastor of Hollandale Baptist Church, and Reese Howard of Hollandale, a retired electronics engineer. Howard had come to Honduras in 1984 with Smith to work on radios. Diagnosed with cancer which has been in check for two years, Howard says his doctor told him to try to stay active every day. "I think this is one way to do it and work for the

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assistants, including Missionary Viola Palmer and volunteer Charles Holmes, helped with the wrapping of the splint.

As dusk — and dust — settled over the mountain, the troupe skidded down it. Sidney said the woman would have lost use of her wrist if she hadn't been taken care of.

The event added up looking like this to me: a simple desire to take a photograph, plus another's desire to sell a hammock, plus a weary medical crew's willingness to make an evening house call, totaled up to the renewal of a woman's wrist and a positive witness to half the mountainside. (I bought one of Rivas' hammocks.)

Lord at the same time," he says.

Reynolds, another veteran of Honduras mission work, formerly worked with independent missionaries. "But I'm really impressed with the way (the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board missionaries) did their planning, preparation, and follow-up." Reynolds says "mine is a dedicated profession since 1948. The Lord never called me to the mission field. But . . . we can render a service that God can use if our lives are exemplary."

Physician Prosser says the good the team can do may be only temporary. Usually the people will go back to old bad habits of drinking bad water or eating improperly. However, with a supply of vitamins or a dose of an anti-parasitic drug "a month or two of health is better than nothing," says Prosser.

(Another medical-dental team is needed for North Honduras and a surgical team is needed shortly in the South. Missionary Jim Palmer needs a team to do reforestation work and build a greenhouse in one of his experimental agricultural projects. For details, contact Paul Harrell, Brotherhood Director, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, phone 968-3800.)

Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

Update on family out of Africa

Dewi and Felicity Williams left Mississippi at the end of 1980 and returned to Africa. Now they live in Transkei, Southern Africa, where Dewi is administrator for the New Life Center of the Leprosy Mission.

"From bare bush and trees, Dewi has made a farm, built four houses and an office block, plus an orchard of 200 fruit trees," reports Felicity. "Four families have moved into the houses. They are folks who had leprosy but are cured. Because of deformity, they could not get employment elsewhere." They will work the land, directed by an agriculturist. "Ignorance about leprosy is still great, and stigma of the disease casts many from their communities."

Between 1974 and 1980, Dewi earned degrees from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. His purpose was to return to South Africa to do mission work — as pastor, teacher in the Baptist college at Johannesburg, church planter, or in whatever way the Lord directed.

Since 1983 he has been building the New Life Center, a pilot project for the Leprosy Mission, an international interdenominational mission organization which seeks to bring healing, rehabilitation, and the message of God's love to lepers.

In the Transkei, the Williamses live among the Xhosa people at Mjanyana, 1,000 miles from Johannesburg. The center is in an isolated place, reached only by gravel roads, and where mail is delivered only twice a week. Once all the bridges washed out and they were stranded

Many in Mississippi will remember Dewi and Felicity Williams, because he spoke in a lot of churches around the state. Quite a few churches and individuals contributed to their education expenses. A Sunday School class at Highland, Jackson, readied an apartment for them on Preachers' Row at MC. Harrisville Church (plus other contributions), still sends them the *Baptist Record*. The June Simmons Class and others in First Church, Jackson, helped to sponsor the family while Dewi was in seminary. (Because of visa regulations he could not hold a paying job, but he was apartment manager at Mississippi College in exchange for rent.) A mission study group at First, Clinton, made a quilt for them as a farewell gift.

Their address is The Leprosy Mission, P. O. Mjanyana 5008, Transkei, Southern Africa.

for a month.

As he built the Center, Dewi has been farmer, plumber, lorry driver, carpenter, painter, and general handyman. Some days his wife would make a 12-mile trip to haul in loads of sand for the builder to make blocks, so Dewi could catch up on office work.

The family lives in an old house, which Felicity has transformed by cleaning walls black from coal stoves and paraffin lamps. The house has running water but no electricity. They use gas appliances and kerosene lamps.

Their boys, Gareth, Aaron and Duane, have adjusted well to boarding school. Duane, 13, a musician, plays the piano and sings. Aaron, 15, enjoys

hiking and camping. Gareth, 17, wants to be a mechanical engineer.

Felicity has formed into gardens what she found as jungle. She has started sewing lessons and a nutrition program for the local black Xhosa women.

Though the Williamses must drive far over dirt roads, they have found ways to minister to outlying churches. Once a month they attend a church 55 miles away. In another church, 100 miles away, Felicity has begun a Bible/crafts class for women. When she goes there, she stays overnight. Dewi finds opportunities to preach in churches 67 miles away, or farther.

When they first returned to South Africa, from 1981 to 1983, the Lord us-



Dewi and Felicity Williams are shown at their home in the Transkei, with their sons, Gareth, Aaron and Duane.

ed Dewi in church planting while he was working as a town planning researcher. The family lived at Kempton Park near Johannesburg and then at Pretoria. A project to upgrade a squatter settlement in Bophuthatswana (30 miles from Pretoria) gave him opportunities for the mission work he wanted to do. In this and other rural black areas, he built houses and had many contacts with the people, and so shared the gospel of Christ. In the Winterveld he gained a rapport with the people (population 120,000) and helped to establish a church and build a church building. At the beginning of 1983, a local black pastor was called to that church.

Doors closed to the pastoral and teaching positions where he had first thought his service might lie, and he accepted the post with the Leprosy Mission.

Dewi Williams was born in Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), of Welsh parents. Felicity was born in Zambia but moved to Rhodesia, where they met. Since she was a Christian then and he was not, she asked her church

to pray for him, and soon he made a profession of faith. Their honeymoon was a 2,000 mile-trip to Windhoek, Southwest Africa, to a new home and new job, where he would be a land surveyor and town planner.

They began meeting in Windhoek with a small group of Christians; the fellowship became the first Baptist church in Southwest Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitson, Southern Baptist missionaries, and later Mr. and Mrs. John Schoolar, also missionaries (from Mississippi), worked in this church and had a lot of influence on the Williamses. Dewi surrendered to preach. Schoolar encouraged him to come to Mississippi College, and he did in 1974. He and his wife sold all they had but one barrel of belongings, and the clothes in their suitcases, to come to the U.S.

Development of the rehabilitation center has progressed well and soon the ongoing day to day running will be taking place, says Dewi. "Praise the Lord for souls won into his kingdom and the joy seen in lives scarred with leprosy."

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record.

Don't need lottery

Editor:

I write this as a Christian mother. My background in the field of gambling is that I believe what the Bible teaches. Others have quoted various scriptures against gambling so I will not rehash that. I base my views expressed herein on extensive reading on the subject, conversations with doctors, and a firsthand view of teenagers in our state going to a nearby state to gamble.

I have heard expressed by the people of Atlantic City, New Jersey, that they are sorry they ever voted in legalized gambling. They were less affluent before gambling, but what a nice family type seaside resort they once had. Now it is a sordid playground. The crime rate is up. Mental illness and alcoholism have increased as well as the crime rate. Unsavory people have come to the town

from as far away as California: criminals, prostitutes, etc.

I have spoken with family practitioners as well as doctors in the field of mental health. They confirm what gambling brings with it to a city: increased venereal diseases, mental illness, alcoholism. The list could go on and on.

Two years ago I visited in a state near to Atlantic City. I was appalled that "Christian parents" condoned their high school seniors going to Atlantic City right after the graduation ceremony for a weekend, two weeks or whatever finances permitted. The young people had worked a year to save for this trip. The attitude of the parents was, "Oh, let the kids have their fling before they have to settle down." A number of these people called themselves Christians; many were Baptists. They knew their young people were going to an evil place with beer in the car when they left home! What I write is not an isolated instance: it is a common thing there.

When we speak of a lottery it is the same thing as a dice or card game played for money, a slot machine or any other gambling device. Lotteries like any other gambling does not just take money from the poor, it corrodes the souls of everyone. This "recrea-

tion" is sordid and sinful in so many ways.

Name withheld by request.

Support for the divorced

Editor:

I am a divorced minister who has been blessed in being able to continue my ministry in churches, although there was a change from full-time to bi-vocational ministry.

Painful transition and re-evaluation is a necessity in the time of divorce for anyone, and especially for the minister. It is my own opinion, however, that one's ministry does not have to be confined to the pulpit. Many opportunities have come my way for one-to-one ministry on the so-called "secular" employment the Lord has given me. It is important for the frustrated bi-vocational minister, whether divorced or not, to realize that we have a very unique, open opportunity for ministry in the workplace which few full-time pastors have.

My reason for writing is to suggest the formation of a support group for divorced ministers. I would be willing to work toward that goal with anyone interested. Through a group of this kind, many benefits of "bearing one another's burdens" would be realized,

and contacts important for church ministry opportunities could be formed. I realize that many different situations surrounding the divorces would be represented; but there are many things that are held in common with regard to grief reactions, career changes, and personal adjustment to the situations.

Anyone interested in forming a support group of this kind should write me at 244 Manchu Court, Jackson, MS. 39209. Hopefully, this could develop into a very beneficial endeavor in ministering to one another in a time of deep need.

Doug Warren
Jackson

Historical information

Editor:

Just a word of introduction. I was the second full-time Brotherhood executive secretary in Louisiana. I left my dental practice in Baton Rouge in 1929 to accept the position. In this capacity I was able and privileged to meet many of our great Southern Baptist leaders such as Dr. B. H. De Ment, M. E. Dodd, George W. Truett, L. R. Scarborough, R. E. Lee, John T. Henderson, and many others. Two of the above mentioned, served as my (Continued on page 9)

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Names in the News

Kay Ward Cantrell died on April 3 in Greensboro, N.C. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Ward. (Grady Ward, graduate of MC and former pastor in Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia, has retired and lives in Creola, Ala.) Mrs. Cantrell, who was a school teacher in the Guilford County School System of Greensboro, attended Mississippi College, 1962-64. She is survived by her husband, Leland Cantrell, a 1964 graduate of Mississippi College; a daughter; a son; and her mother and father.

David Green was licensed to the gospel ministry recently, by Bethel Church, Lowndes County. He is attending MUW and plans to enter seminary next January.

Leon Emery, Jackson, is serving as interim director of missions for Attala Association. He is retired, having formerly worked with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as direc-

tors of the Department of Church Administration — Pastoral Ministries.

Tom "Eb" Lester will be the guest speaker at McDowell Road Church, Jackson, May 18, at 10:25 a.m. Lester was the hired hand on the popular CBS TV series, "Green Acres." His audiences are moved by his warmth, sincerity, and profound message. Gary Rivers is pastor.

Jerry Swimmer has begun his ninth year in full time evangelism. He has also received his doctor of divinity degree from Immanuel Bible College and Seminary in Sharpsburg, Ga. He can be reached at P. O. Box 627, Iuka, MS 38852.

Glen Smith is serving as interim part time director of missions for New Choctaw Baptist Association, while a search is being made for a full-time director. Smith is retired; he lives in Philadelphia. He formerly was director of missions in Greene County.

Staff Changes

George Blackwell has resigned the pastorate of Bluff Springs Church, Neshoba County, to accept the call of Midway Church in Leake County, beginning June 1.

Oster R. Daniels of Vicksburg, has served Midway Church for the past four and one-half months as interim pastor.

The Daniels are coordinators for the Mission Service Corps, working with the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

David Claxton has been called as pastor of Calvary Church, Oktibbeha County.

Kenny Hunt has resigned as pastor of Dry Creek Church, Winston County, to become pastor of Wess Chapel Church in the same county.

First Church, Starkville, has called Tanner Riley as minister of music.

Ben Carlisle, pastor of Woodville Church for eight years, has resigned, effective the last Sunday of May. He will be moving to Arlington Heights Church, Pascagoula, to become pastor there. He is moderator of the Mississippi Association.

Revival Dates

Alta Woods, Jackson: May 18-23; Charles Horton, pastor, College Park, Orlando, Fla., evangelist; Tom McEachin, associate director, Mass Evangelism Department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, music; Sunday services, 11 a.m., 6 p.m., ice-cream fellowship following the evening ser-

vice; weekday services, 7 a.m., 7 p.m.; breakfast served from 6:15-7:00 a.m. each morning; Frank H. Thomas, Jr., pastor.

Ruleville, Ruleville: May 18-21; 7 p.m.; Guy Reedy, pastor, Water Valley, guest speaker; Huel Moseley, Memphis, music; Gene White, pastor.

Homecomings

First, Lambert: May 25; John Couch, Rosedale, guest speaker; Richard Jenkins, Memphis, music; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship, 10:50 a.m.; lunch will be served on church grounds at noon; Courtney Selvy, pastor; Clyde Schiele, associate pastor.

Duffee, Little Rock: May 25; Sunday School, 10 a.m., and worship service, 11 a.m.; Ron Mercer, former pastor, bringing message; lunch served, noon; followed by the "Redemption," quartet singing, 1:30 p.m.

Calvary, Durant: May 18; B. A. Conway, former pastor, message, 11 a.m.; dinner on the ground, 12 noon; Steen family, Lexington, special music, 1:30; James Steven Young, pastor.

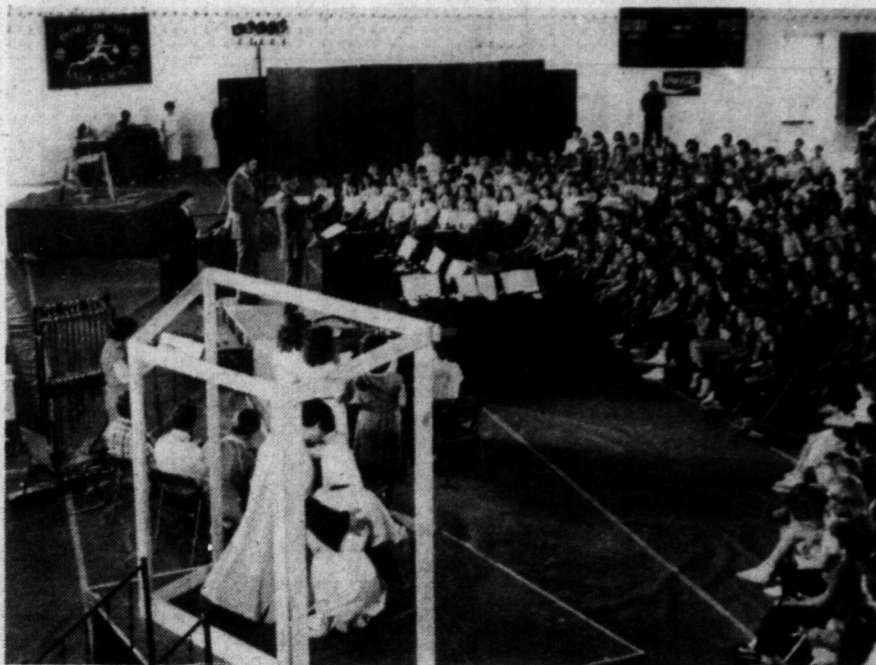
Arlington, Bogue Chitto: May 25; Ferrell Cork, pastor, First, Aberdeen, and former pastor 30 years ago, guest pastor; Sunday school, 10 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., noon meal "dinner on the ground" and program of singing in afternoon; Kent Campbell is pastor.

Revival Results

Main Street, Goodman: J. B. Rowe, pastor, Tomnolen, Eupora, evangelist; Luther Boggan, minister of music, Main Street, music; one person waiting baptism at the beginning of revival, one teenager confessing Christ during revival, three accepted Christ following revival, reports James S. Allen, pastor.

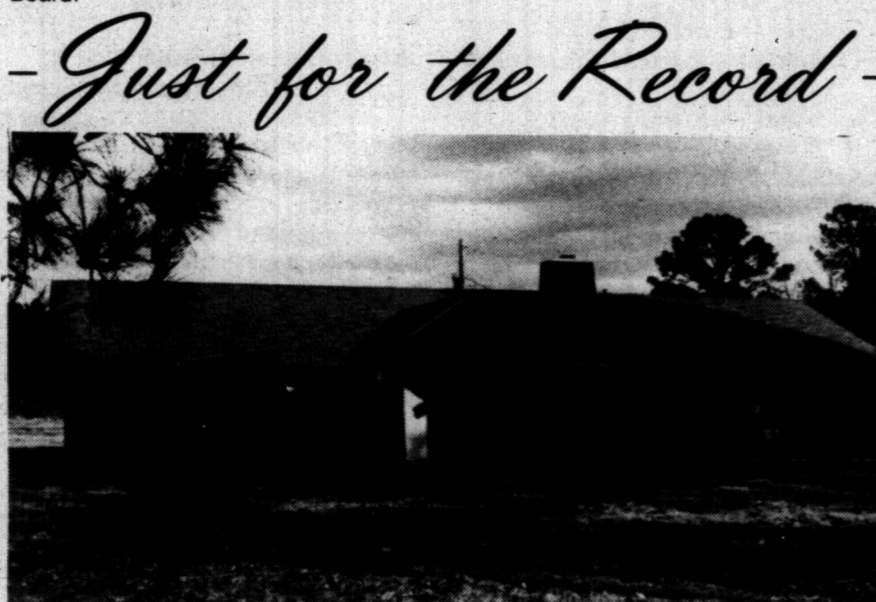
Morrison Heights, Clinton: April 27-30; Perry Neal, evangelist; Alan Celoria Family, singers; Guy Henderson, interim pastor; 35 professions of faith; 4 other additions; numerous rededications.

Things do not change; we change. — Thoreau



Kirkland leads young musicians

Terry Kirkland, Nashville, directs at the recent Young Musicians' Festival held at Mississippi College. There were 1,657 participants in this year's festival. "Three Crosses in Jerusalem," by Terry Kirkland, was the featured musical. Ann Barlow, Jackson, directed the drama portion of the festival. Instrumentalists included Dale Owens, organist, Natchez; Martha Kirkland, pianist, Nashville; and Jean Wells, flute, Jackson. Soloists were Ben Jones and Mike Avenmarg, both of Jackson. The festival is for 4th, 5th and 6th graders who are enrolled in church choirs. This event is coordinated by Sarah Talley, Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Antioch Church, Simpson County formally dedicated its new pastorium, Jan. 26. Special guest speaker for the dedication was Milton Koon, pastor, Lakeshore Church, Jackson. Assisting in the service also were Glenn Schilling, missions director, Simpson Association and Eddie Pilgrim, pastor, Mt. Creek Church.

The pastorium which features four bedrooms and two complete baths was built almost entirely by members of the congregation under the direction of Bruce Antrim, a retired employee of A T & T. The home, valued at \$70,000 was built for \$38,500. Less than \$15,000 had to be borrowed for the construction, reports Robert E. Walker, pastor.

Elam Church (Yalobusha) will celebrate its 126th anniversary, May 25. There will be regular morning services with a picnic lunch at noon. In the afternoon there will be speaking, singing and fellowship.

Eugene Barnett, pastor, Camp Ground Church, Water Valley, and Mrs. Burnett, recently held open house at the pastorium, which has a new addition. A meal was served, reports D. Hollowell.

Mississippi Baptist activities

- May 18 Day of Prayer for Human Life (CAC Emphasis)
- May 19 "How to Use & Administer BTN in Your Church" Conference; 15th Avenue BC, Meridian; 7:00-8:30 p.m. (DBS)
- May 19-25 Associational Emphasis Week (HMB Emphasis)
- May 20 Associational Officers Interpretation Meeting; Alta Woods BC, Jackson; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. (PD)
- May 22 "How to Use & Administer BTN in Your Church" Conference; FBC, Biloxi; 7:00-8:30 p.m. (DBS)
- May 23-24 Adult Campcraft Training; Central Hills Retreat; 6 p.m., 23rd-24th (BRO)
- Golf-Tennis-Fitness Clinic for Staff; Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; Noon, 23rd-Noon, 24th (CT)

Bethlehem will celebrate 150th

Bethlehem Church, Tishomingo, will celebrate its sesquicentennial, May 25. The church was organized in 1836, and is among the oldest churches in the state. Services begin at 10:30 a.m., with singing and preaching by

one of the former pastors, followed by a fellowship meal at noon.

Afternoon services will be conducted by George Credille, pastor, and will include all former pastors who are present.

Antioch (Simpson) will celebrate centennial

Antioch Church, Simpson County, will celebrate its centennial on June 1 in conjunction with homecoming day. Actually the church is 109 years old, having originally been organized in 1877 as Rocky Creek Church.

A full day of activities has been planned. The morning service will feature members dressed in old time attire — bonnets, long dresses for the ladies and overalls and mustaches for the men. Former interim pastor, James Parker, will speak. Lunch will be served at noon and a drama depicting the history of the church will be presented in the afternoon.

A 90-page history of the church is being printed and will be available that day. The present pastor, Robert E. Walker, has spent over a year in research and writing the history. Any person desiring a copy of the history should call the church immediately to reserve a copy. The telephone number is 845-8383.

Historical information

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pastor, namely, W. E. Dodd and R. E. Lee.

In recalling those fortunate days the thought occurred to me how helpful it might be to offer an answer column to such questions as readers might ask concerning some of our old "Heroes of Faith." Example: My pastor referred to Spurgeon or Moody or Billy Sunday. Tell who they were. Who was the first president of the S.B.C.? Was B. H. Carroll a minister, and where did he pastor churches? How many of our past S.B.C. presidents are living, and how many were laymen?

If the readers of the Record knew where to get such answers, it may be a great help.

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Woman's Missionary Union

Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta

Annual Meeting

June 8-9, 1986

THEME: *What We Yet May Be*
(I John 3:2)

Sunday Afternoon, June 8, 1986

12:00 - Luncheon for Women in Professional Ministry, Omni International Hotel

1:30 - Pre-session Music - Florida Baptist Singing Men and Women

2:00 - General Session

- Call to Order - Dorothy Sample, president, WMU, SBC, Flint, Mich.

- Recognition: Pastors

Distinguished WMU Directors and Pastors

- Hymn

- Theme Drama

- "We Shall Behold Him" - Terrie Head, Locust Grove Church, Smyrna, Ga.

- World Class Thinking - David Barrett, British missiologist, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, VA., and Minette Drumwright, special assistant to president of FMB, Richmond, Va.

- Prayer - President's Keynote Address - Dorothy Sample

- Welcome by Local Arrangements Committee - Barbara Prater, chairman, Decatur, Ga.

- Feature: Missions Literature Centennial

- Hymn

- Special Music - Angela Cofer, instructor of voice and diction, University of Arizona School of Music, Tucson, Ariz.

- Address: "Growing in God's Image" - Paul Brand, chief of rehabilitation, Department of Health and Human Services, Carville, La.

- Theme Meditation

- Benediction

Sunday Evening, June 8

5:00 - Prayer Box Supper - Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

7:15 - Pre-session Music

Children's Choir, Romanian Baptist Missions, First Baptist Church, Atlanta

Directed by Claudia But and Mary Achim

7:30 - General Session

Celebrating the Centennial of Missions Education for Children

- Hymn

- Theme Drama

- Recognition: Leaders and Members of Acteens

Leaders and Members of Girls in Action

Leaders of Mission Friends

- World Class Thinking - David Barrett and Minette Drumwright

- Prayer

- Special Music - Angela Cofer

- Children's Centennial Pageant - Written by Amelia Bishop, president, Texas WMU, Plainview

Directed by June Whitlow,

associate executive director,

missions coordination office,

WMU, Birmingham

Performed by Baptist Children of Atlanta

- Address: "Little Ones to Him Belong" - L'Nola Hall, director, Stewart Baptist Center, Christian social ministries department, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

- Music Feature: Children of Atlanta Baptist Centers

- What We Yet May Be: 1986 Acteens National Advisory Panel

Holly Benzenhafer, Prentiss, Miss.

Meridith Moorhead, Anderson, S.C.

Susan Shell, Clinton, Ark.

Sabrina Stephens, Reidsville, Ga.

Jayne Tipton, Amarillo, Texas

Christy Willenbrecht, Lander, Wyo.

- Theme Meditation

- Benediction

Monday, Morning, June 9

7:00 - WMU, SBC, Executive Board Reunion Breakfast, Omni International Hotel

Baptist Nursing Fellowship Breakfast, Omni International Hotel

Ethnic WMU Members Breakfast, Omni International Hotel

8:45 - Pre-session Music

Youth Choir, Laotian Baptist Mission, Columbia Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta, directed by Lareatha Moore and Libby Palmer

9:00 - General Session

- Theme Drama

- Hymn

- Recognition: Ministers' Wives

- World Class Thinking - David Barrett and Minette Drumwright

- Prayer

- A Tribute to Marie Mathis - Helen Fling, former president, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

- Preview: "A Century to Celebrate, A Future to Fulfill" - Beatrice McRae, president, N.C. WMU; chairman, WMU Centennial Committee, Lumberton, N.C., and Staff

- Business: Election of Officers

- The State of the Union - Carolyn Weatherford

- Hymn

- Centennial Thank Offering

- Special Music - Scott Bennett, instructor of organ, Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

- Address: "Our Hope for World Evangelization" - R. Keith Parks, president, FMB, Richmond

- Theme Meditation

- Adjournment

11:30 - Promotivational Luncheon, Georgia World Congress Center

- Theme: "Alive from Atlanta" - News and Methods from WMU, SBC, Staff

Monday, Afternoon, June 9

1:45 - Pre-session Music - Margaret Liu, Chinese Baptist Mission, North Atlanta Baptist Church

2:00 - General Session

Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Baptists in China

- Hymn

- Theme Drama

- World Class Thinking - David Barrett and Minette Drumwright

- Prayer

- Feature: VISION 88, Staff

- Recognition of Our Missionaries - Introduction of All Home and Foreign Missionaries

- Our First Missionaries in China - Fred Anderson, executive director, Virginia Baptist Historical Society

- Old China Hands - Eloise Glass Cauthen, former missionary to China, Richmond

- Prayer

- Special Music - Angela Cofer

- Report: The China That Yet May Be - Lewis I. Myers, Jr., director, consultant services, office of overseas operations, FMB, Richmond

- Theme Meditation

3:30-5:00 - Shuck Sesquicentennial Exhibit, coordinated by Fred Anderson in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union Archives

- Reception for Officers of Woman's Missionary Union in the Lobbies, Grand Ballroom, Georgia World Congress Center

Monday Evening, June 9

7:15 - Pre-session Music - Angela Cofer, Scott Bennett, Janelle Ganey, student, foreign missions candidate, Louisville, Ky.

7:30 - General Session

- Hymn

- Theme Drama

- World Class Thinking - David Barrett and Minette Drumwright

- Prayer

- Recognition: Associational Directors of Missions - greetings by Bob Lee Franklin, president of SBC Directors of Missions, Noonday Baptist Association, Marietta, Ga.

- Address: "Rebirth in the Mountains" - Grace Faulkenberry, home missionary, Clincho, Va.

- Address: "Rebirth in the City" - Everett Anthony, director of missions, Chicago Metro Baptist Association, Oak Park, Ill.

- Hymn

- Address: "What Our Convention Yet May Be" - Christine Gregory, former president, WMU, SBC, Danville, Va.

- Prayer for Our Convention - Dorothy Sample

- Testimony and Special Music - Janelle Ganey

- Special Music - "We Shall Behold Him" - Richard Sample and Angela Cofer

- Theme Meditation

- Benedictory Message - The New President of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC

- Adjournment

Other events connected with the WMU annual meeting include a luncheon for Women in Professional Ministry, a Prayer Box Supper, a Baptist Nursing Fellowship Breakfast and an Ethnic WMU Members Breakfast. Annual meeting sessions will be held at the Georgia World Congress Center and meal functions at the Omni International Hotel.

Music director for the meeting will be Angela Cofer of Tucson, Ariz. Scott Bennett of Jackson, Tenn., will be organist. Pianist will be Janelle Ganey of Louisville, Ky.

Sports camp to be held in Clinton

Crosspoint, a Christian sports camp from the creators of Centrifuge, will be held on the campus of Mississippi College for the first time this summer and is open to youth of the local area.

The camp is scheduled from June 30-July 5 for children who have completed the fourth through eighth grades. The program is sponsored by the Church Recreation Department of the Sunday School Board.

Sports instruction will be given on the beginner, advanced beginner, and intermediate levels of basketball, baseball, football, tennis, gymnastics, and soccer, with each sport session labeled as a "track time."

In addition to the emphasis on sports, Bible study, devotions, and worship will be provided during the camp.

The cost for the camp will be \$195, which includes room, board, and all other expenses except transportation.

For registration information, contact the Office of Continuing Education by calling 925-3301 or write to Mississippi College, Box 4185, Clinton, Miss. 39058.

Gunnison Church to celebrate 130th

Gunnison Church will celebrate its 130th anniversary and a special Memorial Sunday, on May 25.

Events of the day will begin at 9:30 a.m. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

Gunnison Church, in Bolivar County, was constituted in 1856.

Southwestern REA to meet

Southwestern Baptist Religious Education Association will meet Aug. 11-13 at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

To register, mail \$20.00 to Marcie Creech, Fielder Road Baptist Church, 2011 Fielder Road, Arlington, Texas 76013.



Seminary trustee nominations made

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Trustees for the six Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated seminaries have been nominated by the SBC Committee on Boards.

The nominations are included in the 1986 report of the Committee on Boards, released April 24 by Lee Roberts Sr. of Marietta, Ga., chairman of the committee.

The nominations must be acted on by messengers to the 1986 annual meeting, scheduled June 10-12 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. Under convention bylaws, seminary trustees serve five-year terms and are eligible to serve two terms.

Southern Seminary (63 trustees): 12 nominations considered; 7 new trustees, 5 reappointed.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for a second term are Neal Gresham, a retired General Motors labor relations official and member of Beda church, Wing, Ala., replacing Rhett E. Riley of Auburn; Larry L. Adams, director of the Baptist Retirement Center in Oklahoma City and member of First church, Piedmont, Okla., replacing B. M. Woods of Muskogee; Harry S. Dent, laywriter and speaker and member of First church, Columbia, S.C., replacing Mrs. Edward L. Byrd of Florence; Mrs. H. B. (Dorothy) Barker, deputy court clerk and homemaker and member of First church, Morton, Texas, replacing Ben R. Murphy of Dallas.

New local members named to replace persons ineligible for reappointment include S. Cornell Snow, retired Louisville & Nashville Railroad executive and member of Walnut Street church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Damon Surgener of Louisville; and John L. Smith, manager of the General Electric Appliance Park and member of Cedar Creek church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Gorman Jones Roberts of Louisville.

Nominated to an at-large position is James M. Bullock, pastor of Colgate church, Clarksville, Ind., replacing Lowell G. Holder of Evansville.

Renominated to second terms are John J. Swartz of Escondido, Calif.; S. Ernest Vandiver of Lavonia, Ga.; Kent Wyatt of Cleveland, Miss.; Sam H. McMahon Jr. of Charlotte, N.C., and W. C. Carter of Richmond, Va.

Southwestern Seminary (36 members, increased to 37 with a West Virginia representative): 7 nominations considered; 5 new members, 2 reappointed.

Nominated as new representative from West Virginia is Lyle E. Mullins, a layman from Burke Memorial church, Princeton.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment include C. A. Johnson pastor of Walnut Street church, Jonesboro, Ark., replacing T. Shad Medlin of El Dorado, and K. R. (Bud) Funk, a gasoline plant operator and member of First church, Bloomfield, N.M., replacing Melvin Lester of Alamogordo.

John W. Patterson, pastor of Hampton church, Newport News, Va., was nominated to replace Jack B. Wilder of Hampton, who declined to serve a second term.

A nominee to replace Milton E. Cunningham of Houston, Texas, who is ineligible for reappointment, will be named by the subcommittee when it meets in Atlanta.

Nominated to second terms are Lee P. Molloy III of Paducah, Ky., and at-large member Kenneth E. Lilly of Fort Smith, Ark.

New Orleans Seminary (36 members, increased to 37 with a new representative from West Virginia): 8 nominations considered; 6 new members, 2 reappointments.

Nominated from West Virginia is Lawton E. Search, pastor of Highlawn church, Huntington.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment include Edwin R. Walter, pastor of First church, Troy, Ala., replacing Mike Dawson of Decatur; W. Keith Huffman, pastor of First church, Ironton, Mo., replacing James Donald Baker of Bolivar, and James Stephen Sells, pastor of Southside church, Greensboro, N.C., replacing H. Max Craig Jr. of Charlotte.

New local members nominated to replace persons ineligible for second terms include William Vernon May Sr., retired pastor of First church, Louisville, now living in Madison, Miss., replacing Mrs. Walter Fox of Lafayette, and Robert Everett Lee, owner of finance companies and member of Parkview church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing William Meadows Hamm Jr. of Shreveport.

Nominated to second terms are William C. Ray of Elizabethtown, Ky., and Fred T. Moffatt of Annapolis, Md.

Southeastern Seminary (30 members): 8

nominations considered; 4 new members, 4 reappointed.

Roger Williams Ellsworth, pastor of First church, Fairfield, Ill., was nominated to replace Bill Hudgens of Edwardsville, who is ineligible for reappointment.

Don S. Wheat, pastor of Central church, Clovis, N.M., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of C. Warren Pearson of Hobbs who moved. The term will expire in 1989. Jack May, pastor of Broadmoor church, Memphis, Tenn., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Bill Bruster of Knoxville who moved. The term will expire in 1990.

Nominated as a local member is W. Wade Sherman Jr., pastor of Benton Heights church, Monroe, N.C., replacing Mrs. Douglas Branch of Cary, who is ineligible for reappointment.

Nominated for second terms are Robert Earl Shirley, pastor at Parkway church, Tupelo, Miss.; David G. French of Swartz Creek, Mich., and James Roland Deloach of Houston, Texas. Local member renominated to a second term is Billy H. Cline of Asheville, N.C.

Midwestern Seminary (36 members): 7 nominations considered; 1 new member, 6 reappointed.

Si Davis, pastor of East Tucson church, Tucson, Ariz., was nominated to replace R. A. Guthrie of Flagstaff, who is ineligible for reappointment.

Renominated to second terms are Ms. Jeanette Marie Harlow of Clarendon Hills, Ill.; Doyle Smith of Great Bend, Kan.; Jack D. Amis of Hopkinsville, Ky., and Joseph L. Johnson of Knoxville, Tenn. Local members reappointed to second terms are Lowell E. Socolofsky of Omaha, Neb., and Richard Adams of Crystal City, Mo.

Golden Gate Seminary (35 members, increased to 36 with a new representative from West Virginia): 9 nominations considered; 4 new members, 5 reappointed.

Nominated from West Virginia is Larry Ross, pastor of Silver Springs church, Princeton.

William R. Shunk, professor at Purdue University and member of Calvary church, Lafayette, Ind., was nominated to replace Wallace Denton of West Lafayette, who is ineligible for reappointment. At-large members nominated are Mrs. Patricia L. Miller, teacher in a Christian school and member of Valley church, Bakersville, Calif., replacing William K. Hall of Capistrano, and John D. Morgan, pastor of Segamont Road church, Houston, Texas, replacing Carlos R. McLeod of Dallas, both ineligible for reappointment.

Renominated to second terms are Norman H. Taylor of Silver Springs, Md.; Gerald Ray Davidson of Arnold, Mo.; Chester F. Stewart of Albuquerque, and Mrs. David Butler of Knoxville, Tenn. Gordon E. Fercho of Chico, Calif., was renominated to a second term as an at-large member.

Agencies, commissions

Committee, Commission Trustees Nominated

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Trustees for the commissions and committees of the Southern Baptist Convention have been released by the 1986 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

Southern Baptist Foundation (35 members): 12 nominations considered; 5 new representatives of SBC agencies; 2 agency representatives renominated, 5 at-large renominations.

Nominated for new terms as agency representatives, replacing persons ineligible for renominations are Milton L. Williams, Shreveport, La. (New Orleans Seminary), replacing H. Max Craig Jr. of Charlotte, N.C.; Bill W. Stacy of Cape Girardeau, Mo. (Education Commission), replacing Tom Madden of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Harold T. Brundige, Martin, Tenn. (Radio and Television Commission), replacing Frank M. Morris of Opelika, Ala.

Nominees to replace Gorman J. Roberts of Louisville, Ky. (Southern Seminary), and Franklin Owen of Louisville, Ky. (Stewardship Commission), will be named by the subcommittee.

Agency representatives renominated are Ingram L. Foster of Prentiss, Miss. (Executive Committee), and Raymond Langlois, Nashville, Tenn. (Baptist Sunday School Board). At-large members renominated are Osta Underwood, G. Warren Gregory, Edward M. Smith and John P. Gifford, Sr., all of Nashville, Tenn., and Clarence Edmonds of Brentwood, Tenn.

American Seminary Commission (16 members): 6 nominations considered; 5 new members, 1 renomination.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment are Milton W. Boyd, pastor of Central church, Montgomery, Ala., replacing David Jicka of Sheffield; Wendell H. Rone Sr., pastor of First church, Owensboro, Ky., replacing Joe P. Williams of Louisville, and Edsel L. West, pastor of South Harriman church, Harriman, Tenn.,

replacing Northing C. Herron of Nashville.

William T. Hill Jr., a home energy consultant with Nashville Electric Service and member of Two Rivers church, Nashville, was nominated as a local member, replacing Troy D. Woodburn of Nashville, who was ineligible for reappointment. W. Roy Fisher, pastor of First church, Donelson, Tenn., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Stephen R. Taylor of Goodlettsville, who moved. The term expires in 1989.

Marshall Gupton of Nashville, Tenn., was nominated for a second term.

Education Commission (21 members): 5 nominations considered; 4 new members, 1 renominated.

Nominees to replace persons ineligible for renomination include Larry Lewis, president of Hannibal-LaGrange College and member of Calvary church, Hannibal, Mo., replacing Thomas S. Fields of Columbia; William L. Palmer, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy and member of First church, Seymour, Tenn., replacing Tom Madden of Murfreesboro, and K. Eugene Lee, assistant superintendent of schools and member of Emmanuel church, Manassas, Va., replacing J. Wade Gilley of Herndon.

Nominated as an at-large member is Mrs. R. V. (Gwen) Haygood, wife of the executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, and member of Memorial church, Brownsburg, Ind., replacing James A. Hubbard of Wilkesboro, N.C., who was ineligible for a second term.

Nominated for a second term is Glen White of Pasadena, Texas.

Brotherhood Commission (36 members, increased to 37 with a new representative from West Virginia): 13 considered; 7 new members, 6 renominations.

Nominated from West Virginia is Harry Clifton Davis, director of associational missions and member of Immanuel church, Princeton.

Stanley M. Riehn, an electrical contractor and member of Millersville church, Oak Ridge, Mo., was nominated to replace Harold J. Coday of Battlefield, who was ineligible for reappointment. Cecil O. Sewell Jr., pastor of College Park church, Sugarland, Texas, was nominated to fill the unexpected term (to end in 1989) of Henry Adrien III of Fort Worth, who resigned. A member to fill the unexpected term (to end in 1989) of Gregory W. Brockman of Littleton, Colo., who resigned, will be named by the subcommittee.

Nominated to fill at-large positions replacing members ineligible for reappointment are Willard C. Finch, administrator at Pitt Community College and member of Winterville church, Winterville, N.C., replacing Kenneth H. Rose of Maryville, Tenn., and C. Frazier Landrum, a medical doctor and member of Edwards church, Edwards, Miss., replacing Trennis F. Grubbs of Crenshaw, Miss. Miles L. Seaborn Jr., pastor of Birchman Avenue church, Fort Worth, Texas, was nominated to fill the unexpired at-large term (to end in 1987) of Joe Bob McGinnis of McAllen, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Dennis Daniel of Phoenix, Ariz.; Angus L. Emerson III, of Cabot, Ark.; James E. Pelman of Albany, Ga.; R. Tom Browning of Prairie Village, Kan.; Walter M. Wood of Princess Anne, Md., and Richard H. Emmert of Morristown, Tenn. (at-large).

Christian Life Commission (30 members, increased to 31 with a new representative from West Virginia): 10 nominations considered; 8 new members, 2 reappointments.

Nominated from West Virginia is Cledith Campbell, pastor of Altizer church, Huntington. His term will end in 1988.

Nominated to replace members ineligible for reappointment are Gary E. Crum, professor at George Washington University and member of Georgetown church, Georgetown, D.C., replacing Charles L. Updike of Gaithersville, Md.; Carl W. Garrett, pastor of Emmanuel church, Overland Park, Kan., replacing Ernest D. Stewart Jr. of Garden City; Jerry B. Hopkins, pastor of Reidland church, Paducah, Ky., replacing Billy G. Hurt of Frankfort, and Curtis W. Craine Sr., a medical doctor and member of First church, Jackson, Miss., replacing Jeanette Phillips of Oxford.

James Paul Wood, pastor of Mount Vernon church in Atlanta, was nominated to an at-large post, replacing Orba Lee Malone of El Paso, Texas, who was ineligible for reelection.

Mrs. James R. (Alma Ruth) Morgan, a homemaker and member of First church, Bartlesville, Okla., was nominated to fill the unexpected term (to end in 1987) of Ron Fellemeide of Enid, who moved, and Vernon Holliday, pastor of First church, Klamath Falls, Ore., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1988) of Rufin E. Snow of Tacoma, Wash., who moved.

Nominated for second terms are George A. Strickland of Pickneyville, Ill., and Richard Myers of Charlotteville, Va.

Historical Commission (33 members, being reduced to one member from each state qualified for membership; the local membership will be eliminated): 9 nominations considered; 3 new members; 4 renominated and 2 local board posi-

tions eliminated.

Nominated from West Virginia is Donald E. Walls, director of associational missions and member of First Southern church, Fairmont.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for reappointment are John C. Dyer, pastor of Southwest church, Wichita, Kan., replacing James H. Shope of Oswego, Tenn., and Mrs. Kathleen G. Clements, a retired math and science teacher and member of First church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing William Allen Poe of Winfield.

Nominated to second terms are Myron D. Dillow of Carbondale, Ill.; Ronald F. Deering of Louisville, Ky.; Paul Brown of Hannibal, Mo., and Mrs. Miles L. Dawson of Albuquerque, N.M.

Local board posts currently held by Carolyn D. Blevins of Jefferson City, Tenn., and Stan Rushing of Leland, Tenn., have been eliminated.

Radio and Television Commission (26 members, increased to 27 with a new representative from West Virginia): 8 nominations considered; 5 new members, 3 renominations.

Nominated from West Virginia is Odell H. Clay, pastor of East Williamson church, Williamson. His term will expire in 1988.

Nominated to replace members ineligible for reelection are Wallace Henley, pastor of McElwain church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing Frank M. Morris of Opelika; Faye M. Graves, part owner of four radio stations and minister of education/media director at Immanuel church, Wichita, Kan., replacing Ronald R. Doole of Topeka, and Tommy D. Donham, supervisor at Sandia National Labs and members of Eastern Hills church, Albuquerque, replacing Donald Hemingway of Las Cruces.

Jalma Hunsinger, a real estate business person and member of Church on Mill, Tempe, Ariz., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1989) of Jack Johnson of Phoenix, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are James W. Waters of Macon, Ga.; Russell Lawson of Oklahoma City, and Linwood F. Perkins Jr. of Norfolk, Va.

Stewardship Commission (26 members, increased to 27 with the addition of a new representative from West Virginia): 9 nominations considered; 5 new members, 4 renominated.

Nominated from West Virginia is Sylvester E. Hathaway III, pastor of Wayside Southern church, Buckhannon. His term will end in 1987.

C. B. Hogue, executive director-treasurer of Southern Baptist General Convention of California and member of First Southern church, Fresno,

was nominated to replace Robert Hughes of Clovis, who was ineligible for renomination. A member to replace Franklin Owen of Louisville, Ky., will be nominated by the subcommittee when it meets prior to the 1986 annual meeting.

Gene Parrott, pastor of Alameda Hills church, Lakewood, Colo., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1988) of James Rich of Englewood, who moved; and Cecil Charles Sims, executive director of the Northwest Baptist Convention and member of First church, Beaverton, Ore., was nominated to fill the unexpired term (to end in 1989) of Ben Green of Wenatchee Valley, Wash., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Worth C. Grant of Washington, D.C.; Harold T. Kitchings, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, living in Clinton, Miss.; Glenn A. Brown of Oklahoma City, and Jimmie E. Harley of Florence, S.C.

Public Affairs Committee (15 members, eight of whom serve by virtue of office as SBC agency administrators): 1 considered, 1 new member.

Darold H. Morgan, president of the SBC Annuity Board and member of First church, Richardson, Texas, was nominated to replace Jimmy R. Allen, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. The Committee on Boards also nominates a chairman for the PAC and recommended Samuel Currin of Raleigh, N.C., the current chairman.

Order of Business Committee (6 members, plus the current president of the SBC): 2 nominations considered, 2 new members.

Nominated to replace members ineligible for renominations are John B. Wright, pastor of First church, Little Rock, Ark., to replace Morris H. Chapman of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Tom Elliff, pastor of First Southern church, Del City, Okla., to replace Fred H. Wolfe of Mobile, Ala. The committee also nominates the committee chairman and recommended Stan Coffey of Amarillo, Texas.

Denominational Calendar committee (6 members): 2 nominations considered, 2 new members.

Nominated to replace persons ineligible for renomination are James A. Green Jr., pastor of First church, Jal, N.M., to replace Edwin C. Meyers of Roswell, and Ted J. Ingram, pastor of Lincoln Park church, Knoxville, Tenn., to replace Troy Culppeper of Texarkana, Texas. The committee also nominates the chairman and recommended Fred Powell of Atlanta.

Cooperative Program remains ahead of U.S. inflation rate

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Halfway through its fiscal year, the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program of worldwide mission and ministry support has grown more than twice as fast as the U.S. inflation rate.

After six months, 1985-86 Cooperative Program receipts total \$62,781,162, up 8.05 percent over the same period in 1984-85, reported Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee. The current total is \$4,678,205 ahead of the six-month figure for last

year, which was \$58,102,957, he said.

The 8.05 percent increase for the current year compares to an inflation rate that has remained around 3 percent, noted Tim Hedquist, Executive Committee vice president for business and finance.

Earlier predictions the 1985-86 Cooperative Program will receive between \$126 million and \$127 million appear to be accurate, Bennett noted.

For the Cooperative Program to reach its \$130 million goal, monthly receipts must average \$11,203,140 for the final six months of the fiscal year.

Southwestern approves 18 million budget

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Trustees of Southwestern Seminary here, met in mid-March to adopt an \$18.3 million budget.

Trustees also elected three faculty members and approved forms for certifying current students' involvement in local churches.

The 1986-87 budget represents an eight percent increase over the current year's budget of \$16.97 million. The SBC Cooperative Program will provide \$7.5 million, 41 percent of total revenue.

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The gifts of the Holy Spirit

By Gus Merritt
I Corinthians 12-13

The church at Corinth had many problems. These were not unlike many problems facing churches of today. The church at Corinth was divided by party spirit, carnality (operating primarily in the power of the flesh) and immorality. G. Campbell Morgan in his book *The Corinthian Letters of Paul*, calls chapters 1-11, "corrective" and chapters 12-15, "constructive." The misunderstanding of spiritual gifts was certainly one of the things needing correction, therefore, Paul writes concerning the constructive use of spiritual gifts.

There are some important considerations concerning spiritual gifts. 1. Every believer has at least one spiritual gift. 2. No believer has all of

the spiritual gifts. 3. The spiritual gifts are given to build up the church making the believers interdependent upon each other and totally dependent upon Jesus Christ. 4. The Giver is more important than the gifts. 5. The gifts are not given upon our request but sovereignly by the Holy Spirit as he desires. 6. The spiritual gifts are not given to call attention to the believer but to exalt Jesus Christ and build up his church. 7. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not as important as the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23).

All of the spiritual gifts necessary for the building up of the local body of believers are given. Each believer within the local fellowship has a gift or gifts which are to be used in conjunction with the gift or gifts of others within the same fellowship. The variety

and number of gifts within a local fellowship may be compared to a jigsaw puzzle. Even though each piece of a jigsaw puzzle is different in size and shape, each one has its place in the puzzle. When each one is placed properly within the puzzle, the result is a completed picture of beauty. So it is with the church. As each member uses the spiritual gift or gifts as the Holy Spirit gives and directs, the church takes on the character of Jesus Christ. The church also functions as the body of Christ in her diversified ministry.

Because the Corinthian church members were so puffed up with pride and this pride affected their view of spiritual gifts, Paul moves to the subject of love (I Cor. 13). Love is the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). Love

is the solution to the problem of pride. Notice how Paul sets forth the value of love (13:1-3), the virtue of love (13:4-7), and the victory of love (13:8-12). The value of love (13:1-3) sets the use of spiritual gifts in proper perspective. It does not matter how many spiritual gifts the believer may have, if love is not the motivating force behind their use, they will not profit the church or glorify Jesus. Notice that it doesn't matter how eloquently you may speak, without love you are just noisy. Each gift loses its effectiveness without love.

In the listing of the spiritual gifts, Paul places the gift of tongues last. It should be observed that the word for tongue in the First Corinthian epistle is different from the one translated tongue in Acts. The word translated tongues in Acts is the word from which we get our word "dialect" and is the word for intelligible language. The word translated tongues in I Cor-

inthians is a word which means ecstatic utterance or an unintelligible language.

Therefore, Paul wrote to forbid the use of this language unless one was present who had the gift to interpret the language spoken. The ability to speak in an unintelligible language was not the exclusive privilege of the Christian church. This practice is also prevalent in witchcraft and Satan worship. It was also used in the pagan religions of ancient Corinth. Perhaps Paul had reference to moving away from this language or tongues when he wrote I Corinthians 13:11. The reference to childish language may have been directed to those who took such pride in speaking in tongues.

If the spiritual gift does not build up the church, does not exalt Christ, and is not love motivated, it has no place in the fellowship.

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Correcting injustice among brothers

By Billy McKay
Nehemiah 5:1-7:73a

Introduction. Correcting injustices among brothers should be dealt with according to the teachings of Word of God. Southern Baptists believe that the Bible is their guide for faith and practice. The Bible is the standard by which we deal with life and the problems of life. In our society we often see double standards of justice. For example, those who are convicted of a white collar crime often get off with a light sentence while others with no social standing spend years in the penitentiary for a much lesser offense. The problem is not in the law but in those who enforce the laws. A very important truth in this lesson is that Nehemiah dealt with injustice strictly on the teachings of the word of God. We should deal with our problems in the same way.

I. The circumstances for injustice (5:1-5). In Nehemiah 4:10-12 we learn that the morale of the people was already low because of the enemies and also because of the difficulty of the work of rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem. The shifts worked 24 hours a day (cf. 4:21-23). When it was too dark to work the city had to be guarded. Four difficult circumstances for injustice were as follows: A. There was insufficient food (5:3). This was due to a famine. B. There was an injustice of mortgages (5:3a). Many Jews were forced to mortgage their properties in order to secure food and pay taxes. C. There was an injustice of interest on mortgages (5:4). D. There was an injustice of slavery (5:5). Those who did not own property had to sell their children as slaves in order to secure money for taxes and food.

II. The cause of injustice (5:1, 7-8). According to 7 the rulers and nobles were the cause of the injustice. Nehemiah reprimands them on the basis of the principles of the word of God. He appeals to their conscience and reminds them of examples of mercy. Nehemiah rebukes these prominent Jews in several areas. First, they were violating the law of God in charging interest to poor Jews (5:7). Interest was forbidden by the law of God upon the poor (cf. Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:35-38; Deut. 23:19-20). You could loan money to the poor but you could not charge interest on that money (cf. Deut. 15:7-8). Second, he rebuked them for taking their fellow Jews' children and selling them into slavery (5:8). They were selling Jews to the heathen which was forbidden in the word of God (cf. Lev. 25:42-55). Jews were to redeem and not sell fellow

Jews into slavery. Nehemiah and other Jews followed the teaching of the world and had redeemed fellow Jews (cf. Neh. 5:8). Third, they took their Jewish brothers' land and therefore they could not produce crops to pay their debts (cf. 5:4, 5b). These injustices left the poor Jews in a homeless state of poverty. The root cause of this whole injustice is the ignoring of the word of God.

III. The correction of the injustices (5:6-19). Governor Nehemiah faced "double trouble." He faced the enemies from without and injustice from within. How did Nehemiah go about correcting this injustice? There is only one way and that is God's way. Nehemiah had human anger (cf. 5:6) but this was not the solution. The problem had a spiritual root of selfishness, greed, and insensitivity, so Nehemiah dealt with the problem on the basis of the word of God. It worked. The correction of injustice involved the following steps: A. The

rebuke of the guilty (5:7-9). He cited the scripture and worthy examples from their history. B. The restoration by the guilty (5:10-11). 1. By redeeming of Jews enslaved (5:8). 2. By releasing of the properties encompassed (5:11a). 3. By restoring the interest exacted (5:11b). C. The role model to the guilty (5:10-11, 14-19). Nehemiah cites himself as a model of honesty and integrity. 1. He took no salary as governor (5:14). 2. He acquired no property from the poor (5:16). 3. He provided food for 150 Jews plus many strangers (5:17). D. The requirement from the guilty (5:12-13). Nehemiah required a public oath which made the guilty promise in the presence of God and the priests they would stop their injustice.

Conclusion. Only obedience to the word of God will correct injustice. Only obedience to the word of God will prevent injustice.

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At work

By Peter McLeod
2 Thessalonians 3:7-13;
Colossians 3:22-4:1

In my first pastorate a new member of the church came to see me very upset because she had been dismissed from her job at the local hospital. She said she had been fired because the administrator was "anti-Christian" and resented her Christian witness.

Knowing him personally, I offered to talk with the man to see if some kind of reconsideration might be given. He informed me in no uncertain terms, however, that the termination was permanent. "She spent more time preaching to the patients and handing out tracts than in attending to her nursing duties," he said. I will never forget his last statement. "You know, preacher, her Christianity would be a whole lot more believable if she gave an honest day's work for an honest day's pay!"

That's a good summation of our study this week — an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Paul is clearly saying to the believers in Col-

ossae and Thessalonica that they are obligated to fulfill a "first mile" responsibility in their daily work when he writes, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men . . . It is the Lord Christ you are serving" (Col. 3:23-24). What problems led to this admonition?

At Thessalonica (2 Thess. 3:7-13) A fellow pastor tells of a grade school teacher who would give her children work assignments to be completed while she was out of the classroom. Needless to say, the moment she left they chose a "lookout" to be on guard for her return while they played. The only problem was that they spent so much time checking with the lookout to see if she was coming that they missed the fun they wanted.

Many believers in Thessalonica were like those students for they had either misunderstood or misconstrued Paul's teaching about the imminent return of Christ and had dropped all work-a-day responsibilities. As Paul charges, they had become "idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies" (v. 11).

Paul uses strong language to re-

mind these people that while they should look forward to Christ's return, they should also fulfill their daily responsibilities to others. In fact, he states, "Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the bread they eat" (v. 12). In vs. 10, he had already reminded them of a rule which had been given on an earlier occasion, "If a man will not work, he shall not eat."

Behind Paul's argument for a strong work ethic lies another aspect of the Christian experience. As believers we may have different occupations, but every Christian has the same vocation — being an example of him we serve. If our vocation is to be Christ-honoring, then our occupation becomes the arena in which it is most effectively expressed and demonstrated.

Paul Tournier tells of a client who caught Paul's meaning when he said, "If it pleases God to make me a quite ordinary man who does an ordinary job day after day, I can very well accept that . . ." Commenting on the man's insight Tournier writes, ". . . the most important thing we can do to share in the lives of others is not to spend our time dreaming, but to fulfill

our own task allotted to us by God." At Colossae (Col. 3:22-25)

Here the people are different but the principle the same — an honest day's work. Herschell Hobbs helpfully notes that ". . . human slavery was an accepted institution in the Roman Empire . . . Many of the early Christians were slaves. In their sense of freedom in Christ they could have followed the wrong leadership and rebelled against their masters. Thus the Christian movement would have been regarded as an emancipation movement rather than a spiritually redemptive one."

Neither Paul or Jesus attacked slavery head-on, but they planted seeds which produced the harvest of human rights we enjoy today. Those seeds are exemplified for me by an old Scottish Presbyterian missionary who faced his mission board while on furlough. "Why," he was asked, "after all these years in India, have you had so few converts to Christianity? What have you been doing all these years?" Uncowed, the missionary said with conviction, "I've been planting a time bomb!"

The gospel message of God's love and man's worth has the explosive

potential for changing an individual and a society, especially when it is evidenced and expressed in the market place of the believer's life.

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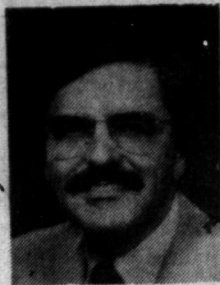
By Breena Kent

COLUMBUS, Miss. (BP) — Joe McKeever carries a smile and a sketchpad everywhere he goes. And it is on the sketchpad that thousands of images come alive.

McKeever is a pastor, but he also is a cartoonist whose signature is familiar to Baptists around the world. His cartoons appear regularly in Baptist state papers, agency magazines and community newspapers.

The Nauvoo, Ala., native is pastor of First Church, Columbus, Miss., and president-elect of the National Alumni Association of New Orleans Seminary, where he earned both a master's degree and a doctorate.

"I'm not a cartoonist who happens to preach," McKeever says. "I'm a preacher who happens to be a cartoonist."



Joe McKeever

McKeever began drawing in preschool. His father was a coal miner with four sons and two daughters. To keep the six children occupied, McKeever's mother encouraged them to draw, a pastime he enjoyed so much he continued the hobby throughout elementary school, high school and college.

He did not become serious about publishing his cartoons until he was in seminary, however. As he was commuting to school one morning from a church in Paradis, La.,

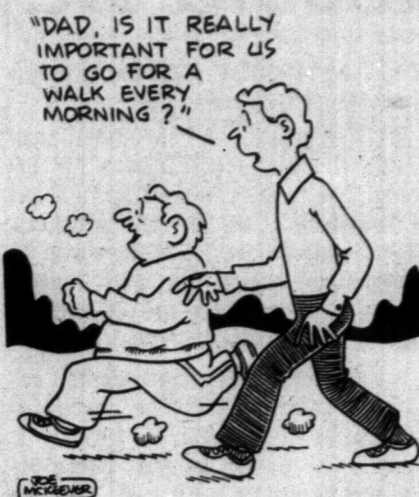
he thought of a cartoon with a caricature of one of his professors.

"I sneaked into class early, drew the cartoon on the blackboard and then sneaked out again so that no one would know who had drawn it," he says. He re-entered the classroom later to find both the students and the professor enjoying it.

That was all the encouragement McKeever needed. At first, all he really wanted was to draw a religious cartoon for his devotional in a community newspaper. He sent his artwork to other publications as well, however, and between his sense of humor and his speed in drawing, McKeever impressed many editors.

In 1979, Art Toalston, then religion editor for the Jackson Daily News saw some of his cartoons in the Southern Baptist Foreign

Mission Board's Commission magazine and asked McKeever to draw a daily cartoon for the paper's religion page.



After that, Copley News Service in San Diego contracted with him to buy his cartoons for \$35 each. McKeever sent the same cartoons to Baptist magazines and state papers, receiving as much as \$150 for one cartoon by selling it to several publications.

McKeever's cartoons are not used only to entertain; he uses them to witness. "It's easy to tell passersby about the Lord as I draw them, because as long as I'm doing them a favor, they don't feel imposed on," he says.

Drawing cartoons is merely a "hobby" for the 46-year-old pastor. But through it he has reached out to the world and made it smile, too.

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Record Southern Baptist meeting takes place in Victoria, B.C.

VICTORIA, B.C. (BP) — In its second annual meeting, the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists seated 130 messengers from local church congregations scattered across the nation, heard the final reading and adoption of its constitution and by-laws, elected Allen Schmidt executive director-treasurer, and adopted a convention operations budget of \$1,150,000 (Canadian) for 1987.

Among the messengers were pastors of six French-speaking Haitian churches from in and around Montreal.

Schmidt, who for five years has been coordinator of Canadian Southern Baptist work, was elected executive director-treasurer of the new convention. Schmidt, a native Canadian, is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, and Golden Gate Seminary in

Mill Valley, Calif. He was a pastor in California before returning to Southern Baptist churches in British Columbia.

Development of a national denominational structure to serve the mission needs of Canadian Southern Baptist churches has been highly accelerated since 1984, when approval was given by the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City for "rendering all possible assistance to Canadian churches related to Baptist state conventions... including the development of a Canadian Southern Baptist entity."

All Southern Baptist agencies, especially the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Baptist Sunday School Board, were given the opportunity by the 1984 action to work "as appropriate" with Canadian Southern Baptist churches.

Taken after lengthy consideration,

this SBC action averted a move sought for many years by Canadian churches and their supporters in the Northwest Baptist Convention to have Canadian messengers seated at SBC annual meetings.

Southern Baptist congregations in western Canada have enjoyed the full support and fellowship of the Northwest Baptist Convention since 1953. Other congregations in eastern Canada have been related to the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and the Baptist Convention of New England.

Other actions by the April 29-May 1 convention include approval of:

— Procedures for the appointment of Canadian Southern Baptist foreign missionaries in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board, SBC.

— A statement of faith and practice based on the Baptist Faith and Message for the new Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary set to open in September 1987.



Looking up . . .

LOOKING UP — Through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists help support missionaries and journeymen like David Stickel, who takes time out to listen to a Kenya child's endless questions. The 6 ft. 9 in. journeyman worked for two years at the Nairobi (Kenya) Baptist Centre. Stickel, a North Carolinian, helped Southern Baptist missionaries Jim and Marcia Richardson operate the center which provides a program of evangelism, recreation and sports, vocational education and other services to residents of Nairobi's low income Shauri Moyo area. (FMB) PHOTO By Don Rutledge

Baptist Record Day — June 1

"Revival is a renewal of perspective"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptist Sunday School Board employees need to keep a special perspective that transforms their daily work into an enterprise focusing on the urgency of sharing the gospel, Daniel Vestal told them recently.

Vestal, pastor of First Church, Midland, Texas, and speaker for the board's annual Spiritual Emphasis Days, urged employees to remember

the centrality of the gospel at work, in their churches and in their homes.

"What transforms church work into enterprise is motive and purpose," Vestal said. "I think revival is a renewal of perspective and motive, which is needed by preachers, denominational workers and church members."

Vestal explained the most effective way for Southern Baptists to achieve renewal is through cooperation to

maintain strength in the denomination.

"Cooperation has been at the very center of Southern Baptist life from the beginning," Vestal said. "The purpose of that is to do together what we can't do individually."

Vestal's church in Midland has been the top contributor to the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' joint budget, for the past several years.

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Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

Baptist Record Day June 1

The annual observation of Baptist Record Sunday in the churches of Mississippi is June 1. We hope that it will be the occasion for at least some kind of comment on the ministry of the Baptist Record in a great number of churches in the state.

The purpose of the Baptist Record is to help the churches through helping their members. We try to provide what church members need to make them better able to function as church members, and thus we try to help the churches of the state to be better able to carry out their mission of witnessing to the world.

Our main function is the dissemination of news. In a democratic operation such as Baptists have, the free flow of information is a necessity. Some of it is not good news. In order to be able to move from bad news to good news, however, all of the news must be known.

We also discuss issues, provide a forum for the discussions of others, print commentaries on all three of the Sunday School lesson series, publish devotional thoughts, and have a homey column written by assistant editor Anne McWilliams.

We do this for approximately 124,000 Baptist families in Mississippi. This means we are reaching more than 425,000 of our 450,000 or so resident members.

We have a budget of more than \$1 million per year in order to provide information for these subscribers. Most of the cost of providing the service is borne by the subscribers. Significant income from advertising and the Cooperative Program provide the remainder of the funds necessary to

keep the Baptist Record serving Mississippi Baptists.

We are proud to have been providing this service ministry for 109 years. The Baptist Record was started in February of 1877 by the Southern Baptist statesman, J. B. Grambrell, in a two-story house that still stands across the street from the old football field at Mississippi College in Clinton.

It was under private ownership until it was purchased by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1919. P. I. Lipsey, the owner at that time, remained as editor until 1942. He was followed by A. L. Goodrich, who initiated the every family plan for Baptist state paper subscriptions, which is now in use by every state paper in the nation. The plan was suggested to Dr. Goodrich by a church secretary in Sunflower, Josie McEachern. She died a few years ago in Eupora. Dr. Goodrich died in 1956.

W. C. Fields, former pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, followed Goodrich and served until he became public relations director for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee in 1959. He is now assistant executive secretary. Joe T. Odle, the immediate past editor, followed Dr. Fields and served until his retirement in 1976. Following his retirement Dr. Odle served as recording secretary for the Mississippi Baptist Convention and was interim pastor for the Pearl Harbor Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, as well as First Church, Gulfport. He died in 1980. Mrs. Goodrich and Mrs. Odle still live in the Jackson area.

The Baptist Record continues in its ministry of information. The most im-

portant aspect of its ministry is its subscribers.

We seek to keep meaningful information flowing. In order to help the churches in this regard, we have a growing system of church pages whereby a church uses the front page or the front and back pages for its regular mailout. This puts all of the Baptist news in one publication, and the churches don't have to pay the postage for their mailouts. It is already paid with their subscriptions.

This service now in use nationwide by state papers was initiated by another Baptist Record editor. The present editor began the camera-ready church page, an inexpensive way of reporting local church news on the front of the state paper, when he was associate editor in Texas.

We are here to serve. June 1 is the day to call attention to this service. Call on us when we can help.



Coming of Age . . .

Senior Adult Convention

By Jack Gullledge

Aging is COMING OF AGE in Southern Baptist life. This is evident by the fact that 20 to 25 percent of the average church membership is made up of senior adults. Just as the older population in the United States represents the fastest growing segment of society today, senior adult ministry is one of the fastest growing activities in local churches.

To highlight this emerging ministry, the year 1986-87 has been designated by the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board as the time to emphasize senior adult work with the theme, COMING OF AGE. Four special events are planned to focus on this emphasis.

The vote, by the way, had to do with replacing the slate of nominees of the Committee on Committees for the SBC committee on board nominations by a slate that would have included the state convention presidents and the state Woman's Missionary Union presidents. To have elected such a slate would not have been practical. In a close analysis, it might not have been constitutional because such a slate might not have met constitutional requirements in every instance.

That, however, was not the chair's reason for ruling against the proposed substitute slate. The chair ruled that only the committee on committees can nominate members for the committee on board nominations. While the constitution can be made to sound as if that is what it means, sure-

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The first event, during September and October, 1986, will feature 10 weeks of Chautauquas at Ridgecrest, NC, and Glorieta, NM. These special weeks are designed for senior adults and major on personal growth, leadership development, enriching fellowship, and worship experience. Sight-seeing tours, Bible study, personal interest conferences, group activities, and crafts/recreation are included in a Chautauqua week. The program theme, COMING OF AGE, is expected to attract 10,000 senior adults during the 10 special weeks.

The second COMING OF AGE event will be the first — the first Southern Baptist Senior Adult Convention ever held. Meeting in the downtown Convention Center of Fort Worth, Texas, April 27-29, the three-day gathering is expected to attract an attendance of 10,000 from across the United States. The program will feature national leaders in the field of aging and Southern Baptist leaders.

"This historic convention," says Horace L. Kerr, supervisor of Senior Adult Ministries, "will be a spectacular celebration and will provide a national picture of what's happening among senior adults in churches all across the land."

Churches are urged to send a large representative group of senior adults to participate in this unique assembly. Blocks of rooms in nearby hotels are being held. Tours will be available. "Special events during the Convention," Kerr points out, "will help make

COMING OF AGE a reality in local churches and the denomination, and enrich the senior years."

The third major event during the continuing COMING OF AGE emphasis will be the observance of Senior Adult Day in the churches, Sunday, May 3, 1987. This special time of the year recognizes and honors older persons for their contributions of service and continuing ministries. Senior adults participate in worship services, present special choir musicals, and enjoy banquets and other social activities. Each church is challenged to make Senior Adult Day one of the highlights of the year.

The fourth event of the year is a study of the book, *Coming of Age: Senior Adults and the Churches*, by Horace L. Kerr, in local churches during August 1987. Efforts are being made to encourage a record number of senior adults to acquire study course credit for this book.

"These four major events," says Kerr, "will challenge churches and senior adults to strengthen their relationships in order to add meaning and fulfillment to their later years of life."

For a free brochure and information on these four events, write to COMING OF AGE, Family Ministry Department, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, TN 37234.

Jack Gullledge is editor of *MATURE LIVING*, a publication of the Family Ministry Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Crowder suit

The fact that the suit by Bob Crowder and others against certain Southern Baptist Convention entities has been dismissed should come as no surprise. Surely the Crowder interests never had much hope of winning.

There are many who feel that the suit never should have been filed. They cite the scriptural reference found in the sixth chapter of First Corinthians that caution against brother going to court against brother. That is certainly a valid concern.

If, indeed, winning were the object, then to file the suit was folly. If those interested who filed the suit were interested in making a point, then they accomplished their goal.

It seems that the judge, however, took what is generally known as a cop out when he made his decision. He said, "... civil tribunals have no power to resolve disputes which are ecclesiastical in nature."

This dispute, in reality, is not ec-

clesiastical in nature. It is the questioning of the application of the convention's constitution. Even though it is the constitution of an ecclesiastical body, a constitution is a constitution whether it is designed for an ecclesiastical body or a governmental body. In either case, it is not an ecclesiastical statement.

We are not a hierarchal body. We have no final authority among us who would be able to tell the court it has no jurisdiction and that we would handle the issue in our own way. The only way that we have to settle such an issue is by majority vote at the convention, and we had already tried that. Even though the majority vote of the convention could not have been considered a practical step, still there had been such a vote; and it had been overturned by the ruling of the chair. If one is determined to find relief from the ruling, where else is there to go but to the courts?

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